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Jammu Lt Col Arthi Tiwari and Lt Col Rohina Varghese who have received Permanent Commission in the Army | P71

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422 WOMEN OFFICERS ELIGIBLE FOR PERMANENT COMMISSION

Of the 615 women officers considered for permanent commission, 422 were found fit by the Army Selection Board

MORE OFFICERS UNDER CONSIDERATION

However, as many as 57 of the 422 opted out of PC. Of the 193 who were found ineligible, 68 are being released with pension, a senior Army officer said. And 106 others have been given a pensionable service extension of up to 20 years. Apart from the 615, another 42 officers, currently on medical leave, are to be considered for PC at a later date

'A MILESTONE FOR WOMEN IN SERVICES'

"This is another milestone for the women in services," a serving women officer said. "Women at the junior level are going to rise and serve at the ranks of General in future," she added
■ The Supreme Court, in a landmark ruling in February, said women officers are entitled to permanent commission in the Army

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STREAMS OF INDIAN ARMY OPENED TO WOMEN OFFICERS

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ELDERS FIGHT OVER CHAIRMAN'S SEAT, JOSTLE EACH OTHER IN HOUSE

Presiding officer stopped from entering Council; Cong MLCs push Dy Chairman out of chair

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THE Karnataka Legislative Council, referred to as the 'Upper House' or 'House of Elders' where meaningful discussions are held in a refined and composed manner, witnessed unprecedented, unruly free-for-all on Tuesday with the ruling and opposition parties fighting for the chairman's post.

The BJP and Congress members almost came to blows after the ruling party MLCs insisted on moving a no-confidence motion against Chairman Prathap Chandra Shetty amid stiff opposition from the opposition party. Congress members physically removed Deputy Chairman S L Dharm Gowda from the chair to allow one of its members to occupy it after BJP legislators tried to close the door from which the chairman enters the House to prevent him from presiding over the proceedings.

The House was adjourned sine die on December 10, and the government convened it for a day on Tuesday after accusing the chairman of adjourning the Council abruptly and requesting Governor Vajubhai Vala to intervene. The session on Tuesday was adjourned sine



Legislative Council members spar in the well of the House after Deputy Chairman S L Dharm Gowda sits on the Chairman's seat, on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADGAL

GOVT MULLS ORDINANCE ON CATTLE BILL

After the State Legislative Council proceedings were adjourned on Tuesday following a tussle between the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress, the state government is now considering promulgating an ordinance on the Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill. However, the JDS has made it clear that it will not support the Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill. P4

die after the high drama that lasted for 40 minutes prevented the House from transacting any business.

The members, jostling to take control of the chairman's chair, shouted slogans, tore and

threw copies of the proceedings, climbed on the tables, removed the Covid glass shield installed on the chairman's desk, and kicked the door through which the Chairman enters the House. P4

BJP seeks Govt's intervention to convene House

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BJP members in the Legislative Council on Tuesday appealed to Governor Vajubhai Vala to direct the Chairman of the Upper House to convene the House, and allow them to move a no-confidence motion against the latter.

In a memorandum to Vala after the House was adjourned sine die on Tuesday, BJP members said that as per Article 182 of the Constitution, a no-confidence motion has to be placed before the House 14 days after it is issued. If such a motion is introduced against the chairman, he shall not preside over the House, and the deputy chairman should preside. Any communication made by him, will be deemed illegal.

The chairman can neither preside over the Business Advisory Committee, nor sit in authority, since a no-confidence motion was being moved against him. P4



On the 20th day of their ongoing agitation, farmers squat at the Ghazipur border, in New Delhi on Tuesday | PARVEEN NEG1

Agitators harden stance

Concrete proposals: Farmer leaders refused to yield, saying they will completely block the Chilla Border between Delhi and Noida on Wednesday. They said the govt must consider their demands and offer concrete proposals

Staying firm: "The govt is saying 'we won't repeal', we are saying we will make you do it... fight has reached a stage where we are determined to win no matter what," said farmer leader Jagjeet Singh Dallewal

Homage day: Union leaders on Tuesday gave a nationwide call to observe Shradhanjali Diwas on December 20 from 11 am to 1 pm to pay tribute to the farmers who lost their lives during the ongoing protests

Plot to confuse farmers on three laws, says Modi

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ON a day Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the ongoing agitation against the three farm sector laws was instigated by vested interests, farmers dug in their heels, claiming their support base had actually expanded.

While Modi said there was a conspiracy to scare farmers about their land holding, the protesting unions alleged that the government was trying to drive a wedge between them. Speaking in Kutch (Gujarat), Modi rhetorically asked: "When dairies get into contracts for milk, do they take away even the cattle?" He sought to allay the fears of farmers, adding land rights will be protected.

The Prime Minister emphasised that the new legislations has merely included demands of the farmers' bodies to revolutionise the agriculture sector; adding they were advocated by opposition parties in the past as well.

Later in the day, farmers' unions wrote to the Centre rejecting the proposal to amend to the three laws and insisting on their repeal. "We had already rejected their proposal. This evening, we wrote to them officially stating our position," said Harinder Singh Lakhowal, general secretary of Bharatiya Kisan Union (Lakhowal).

The unions also decided to observe December 20 as homage day as a mark of respect for

the 20 protesters who have so far died. "This homage will be given in every village across the country on December 20. Around 20 farmers have died during protest," said Inderjeet Singh, a farmer leader.

Union Minister for Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar continued to hold deliberations with a section of farmers, as he met leaders of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Kisan). "The farmers who came today support the three farm laws. They said they had been earlier misled because of the misconceptions," Tomar told reporters. He had earlier met representatives of farmers from Uttarakhand and Haryana, who, too, pledged their support to the farm laws. P9

OCI students eligible for govt quota seats: HC

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THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday held that Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders need not seek admission only under the quota meant for Non-Resident Indian (NRI) students in professional educational institutions (medical/dental or engineering colleges), but are eligible for admission under institutional as well as State Government quota seats.

A division bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and N S Sanjay Gowda pronounced the judgement and confirmed an order passed by a single judge directing the State and the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) to permit the petitioners to register for CET.

Allowing the petitions filed by Pranav Bajpe and others, who are OCI cardholders, the Bench quashed Section 2(1)(n) of the Karnataka Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission & Determination of Fee) Act, 2006, as amended in 2017, to include 'Overseas Citizens of India' or 'Overseas Citizens of India Cardholders' within the definition of 'Non-Resident Indian'.

"We would like to remind ourselves of the ancient Indian thought, 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', which means 'the world is a family'. The minor children of Indian citizens born overseas must have the same status, rights and duties as Indian citizens, who are minors," the Bench said.

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BORIS

TO BE CHIEF GUEST AT REPUBLIC DAY PARADE

It will be the UK PM's first major foreign trip since taking office last year. He has invited India to join the 2021 G7 meet to be hosted by the UK | P9

EXPRESS READ

AAP to contest UP Assembly polls

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will contest the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls in 2022, its national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced on Tuesday as he accused political parties in the state of doing nothing but stabbing people in the back. In a virtual press briefing, Kejriwal said development and progress in UP have been held back by its "dirty politics" and "corrupt leaders".

After collegium nod, AP, Telangana, Odisha, Sikkim set to get new CJs

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THE high courts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Sikkim are all set to get new chief justices as part of a shuffle in the higher judiciary. Sources confirmed that the five-member collegium of the Supreme Court cleared the proposals on Monday. They also involve a swap between Sikkim High Court Chief Justice Arup Kumar Goswami and his Andhra Pradesh counterpart, Justice

Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari. Delhi High Court judge Hima Kohli is expected to be elevated as the Chief Justice of Telangana, replacing Chief Justice Raghavendra Singh Chouhan who has been reportedly transferred to Uttarakhand. Justice Chouhan was appointed CJ of the Telangana High Court in June 2019.

The collegium discussed the proposals for a long time, sources said, adding that it sent the recommendations to the government on Tuesday. Orders to this effect

and official notifications are expected to be issued shortly after the government approves the recommendations.

Justice Maheshwari assumed charge at the Andhra High Court on October 7, 2019 as its first Chief Justice after the High Court of Judicature in Hyderabad was divided between Andhra and Telangana. His tenure turned out to be eventful as the high court under his leadership handled some of the most sensitive cases, including the Jagan Mohan Reddy government's decision to have three capitals for AP. P7

Winter Session deferred

NEW DELHI: The Winter Session of Parliament will not be held this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Budget Session will be convened in January 2021, the Union Government has conveyed to the Opposition. Meanwhile, the Congress has slammed the move as the "decimation of parliamentary democracy". The Winter Session normally starts in the last week of November or in the first week of December. P9

TELL-ALL BOOK

Pranab's son, daughter in Twitter spat over memoir

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@ New Delhi

LATE former President Pranab Mukherjee's son Abhijit and daughter Sharmistha, both Congress leaders, were on Tuesday locked in a Twitter spat over their dad's memoir in which blamed party chief Sonia Gandhi and former prime minister Manmohan Singh for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections defeat.

Days after Rupa Publications released excerpts of the fourth volume of Pranab Mukherjee's *The Presidential Years*, Abhijit said he wanted to vet the book before it hits the stands in January. Hours later, Sharmistha told him off, asking him not to create hurdles in its publication.

For its part, Rupa Publications declined comment. But sources in Pranab's staff said that he has approved the final

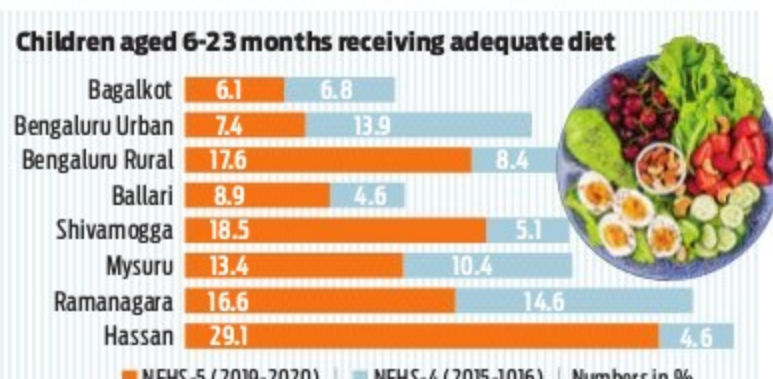


draft as also the book's cover just before he was hospitalised in August last.

"I, the son of the author of the Memoir 'The Presidential Years' request you to kindly stop the publication of the memoir as well as motivated excerpts which is already floating in certain media platforms without my written consent," said Abhijit, a former Congress member of Parliament.

Sharmistha shot back and said, "I, daughter of the author of the memoir 'The Presidential Years', request my brother

not to create any unnecessary hurdles in publication of the last book written by our father. He completed the manuscript before he fell sick. The final draft contains my dad's handwritten notes and comments that have been strictly adhered to. The views expressed by him are his own & no one should try to stop it from being published for any cheap publicity. That would be the greatest disservice to our departed father."



Only 7.4% children get adequate diet in B'luru

IFFATH FATHIMA @ Bengaluru

IT is shocking to say the least. The 'IT Capital of India' has only 7.4 per cent of children in the 6-23 month age group receiving adequate, nutritional diet in 2019-2020, reveals the districtwise sheet of National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5).

The survey stated that the present figures are worse than what they were five years ago (in 2015-2016 under NFHS-4), when 13.9 per cent of children under the age group receiving adequate diet. Experts said the numbers are shocking and advised the government to carry out awareness campaigns on nutritional food required for children.

According to the Optimal

Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, the children in the 6-23 month age group should be given complementary foods along with breastfeeding to meet the diet requirement.

Apart from breastfeed, children are required to consume four more food groups. Group one includes grains, roots, tubers, legumes and nuts; Group 2 has dairy products; Group 3 includes eggs, while Group 4 has fruits and vegetables that are vitamin A rich.

Dr Sylvia Karpagam, a public health doctor and researcher, said, "Children who are six to eight months old and are breastfed also require two meals from the IYCF group. Children in the 9-23 month age group require three meals per day along with breastfeeding." P7

BSY READY TO MAKE CITY A BEAUTY SPOT

With Bengaluru Vision 2022, better roads, parks and drains, government preps for BBMP elections

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CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa is ready to play Santa to Bengaluru, his goodie bag full of promises — from Bengaluru Vision 2022 to parks and flyovers — to build a snazzy city.

He will launch a number of works and initiatives for Bengaluru virtually from the Vidhana Soudha, sources in the Chief Minister's Office said. These could be part of the State government's prepara-

tions for the BBMP elections, and the first step towards this would be the release of Bengaluru Vision 2022. The government, though, is trying to get the urban body elections postponed, and has approached the Supreme Court.

As per experts' recommendations, a blueprint is ready for the overall development of the city. This includes developing the 20-acre Mysuru Lamps property in West Bengaluru into a tree park, similar to Lalbagh or

Cubbon Park. With these two large lung spaces located in South and East Bengaluru, the thinking is that West Bengaluru needs a similar carbon sink.

Yediyurappa will also lay the foundation for beautification of SWDs, and construction of twin towers with 24 floors to house government offices under one umbrella near Anand Rao flyover. There is also a proposal to connect a flyover or bridge with a park on either side of these buildings to Vid-

hana Soudha, for better administration. The CM is also expected to make announcements for roads and traffic.

Soon after his government turned 100 days, Yediyurappa had said he would change the face of Bengaluru, but with the Covid lockdown, things came to a standstill. But when the BBMP term came to an end in September, and in the absence of a Council, an administrator was appointed. Simultaneously, the government began making

preparations to bring a separate BBMP Bill for Bengaluru and increase the number of wards to 243. However, after a former Congress councillor went to High Court questioning the delay in BBMP elections, the court directed the State Election Commission to hold elections within six weeks of issuing the reservation notification. The government recently passed the BBMP Bill, and based on it, has approached the Supreme Court, appealing for more time.



FLOWER POWER

People enjoy a lazy winter afternoon under a tabebuia tree in full bloom, in Cubbon Park, Bengaluru, on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR

Kiran, Dr Shetty launch medtech incubation hub

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A corporate hospital-based technology business incubator for medtech entrepreneurs was inaugurated by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, executive chairperson, Biocon, and Dr Deviprasad Shetty, chairman, Narayana Health, on Tuesday.

The Mazumdar-Shaw Medical Foundation (MSMF) Technology Business Incubator, a first of its kind, will help these entrepreneurs who are looking to address affordability, access and innovation for healthcare challenges. It has a dedicated 8,000 sqft space at Narayana Health City, Bengaluru.

"This is a culmination of one of our key objectives, which was to set up a medtech innovation hub within the hospital," MSMF founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw said at a virtual press conference.

"This is one place we hope engineers and technologists will be directly connected to meet the need of healthcare and provide solutions," said Paul Salins, managing director, MSMF.

Devi Prasad Shetty said MSMF's vision is to fill the gap in healthcare innovation by creating a single platform for entrepreneurs to co-create solutions in conjunction with doctors, scientists and technology enthusiasts.

Panel starts survey of Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout

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THANKS to a recent directive from the Supreme Court, there has been some progress on the Dr K Shivaram Karanth Layout, the second-biggest layout of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), in North Bengaluru. The task of identifying legal constructions that have come up here till 2018 for the purpose of regularising them has begun.

The apex court had on December 3 ruled out demolishing the structures that have come up in the space earmarked for the layout and set up a three-member commit-

tee, comprising former Karnataka High Court judge Justice A V Chandrashekhara as chairman with Jayakar Jerome, former BDA commissioner, and S T Ramesh, former Director General of Police, as members. The committee has been told to submit a report within six months on the legally built constructions on the layout.

Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisitions, BDA, P Shivaraaj,

told TNIE, "The committee visited five villages, including Doddabettahalli, Avalahalli and Shamarajapuram, to take stock of the situation. BDA surveyors, land acquisition officers and engineers were also present."

A source said the team plans to visit all the 17 villages that fall under the layout over the next two weeks and interact with people concerned.

The committee on Tuesday met officials from the BDA

land acquisition, engineering and town planning departments, the source added.

The Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Centre had supplied the BDA with a number of satellite images of the layout in 2018, he added.

The BDA is also working on providing an office for the committee on the BDA campus at Kumara Park West as mandated by the Supreme Court, Shivaraj said.

The state had planned to create 18,975 sites in this layout, that lies between Doddaballapur and Hessarghatta, 12 years ago but it never took off due to numerous court cases.

A BDA-appointed private agency, El Technologies, conducted a second drone survey of the layout. The firm had already provided the images in 2018 and another set was taken recently

P Shivaraaj, Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisitions, BDA



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Pankaj Jaiswal, resident

RERA verdict fines builder, puts smile on buyers' faces

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A recent order by the court of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority-Karnataka (RERA-K) ordering a builder to register its property under RERA within 60 days and the penal charges imposed on it has brought relief for many homebuyers.

The order by the Court against the Platinum City project on HMT Road, near Peenya Metro station, was made public on December 2 though the verdict was delivered on November 6. This marks the first project for which RERA has issued show cause notice for non-registration as well as asked the builder to pay 10% of the project cost as penalty. It offers relief not only to the 1,000-plus buyers of houses in Platinum City but also offers hope for home buyers of different projects.

The case was filed by Pankaj Jaiswal and 7 others against its promoter Ziaulla Sheriff. Jaiswal had bought a 3BHK home at Platinum City in 2010 and is a resident here. A relieved Jaiswal told TNIE, "The builder did not take any steps to help us get our Occupancy Certificate (OC) through the civic agency concerned. In the absence of the OC, we could not get our 'A' katha certificate. Our homes could neither be sold or mortgaged to raise resources. Nor did the builder form a registered association and hand over the maintenance corpus to it as mandatory under the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act," he explained.

Water supply from the Ban-

galore Water Supply and Sewerage Board and power through BESCOM was not provided. "We were supplied tankers and it was billed. We also had to pay commercial rates for the electricity used. It is a relief that RERA has asked the builder to reimburse the expenses we incurred on all these counts," Jaiswal added.

The court order also directed the promoter to form an Association and permit it to maintain the building. A sum of Rs 29 crore collected for maintenance has to be transferred to the Association, the order said. Intercom, earmarking of car parking, removal of encroachments on terrace areas of the building, free membership to amenities like Club House, swimming pool and gym were among other directions issued by the court comprising RERA Chairman M R Kamble and members Adoni Syed Saleem and D Vishnuvardhana Reddy.

Another present resident requesting anonymity said, "This is a landmark, comprehensive judgement, setting a precedent for similar cases in Karnataka. Such a clear verdict is seldom given."

M S Shankar, General Secretary, Forum for People's Collective Efforts, said, "We welcome this landmark judgment. This order should deter similar illegal behaviour by the erring builders. The three-member K-RERA bench has proved to have teeth to bite by issuing show cause notice to levy penal charges of 10% under sections 59 (1) of the RERA Act."

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16th December: The delicate current Mars-Saturn alignment is one of the most interesting single patterns of the moment. It represents a chance to remould stale old structures, abandon bad habits and get out of a rut. What's more, there are a few more months to make the most of it. And this applies to all of us! I don't mean that the world is going to be changed overnight, though. Astrology's not like that!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

May be you have been misrepresented or misunderstood. Perhaps you have been wronged. But that is in the past now, and you should concentrate on forgiveness rather than revenge, thus showing how you are indeed superior to other mortals. Your magnanimous behaviour will not be forgotten.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

One thing that Jupiter is teaching you is that you should expect more of yourself at work and in the fulfillment of your worldly ambitions. Don't expect everything to be easy in any routine or practical task, but set out to stretch yourself and acquire new skills.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If you are obsessed by the past you deserve a big pat on the back, for it shows that you are very much in tune with your stars. The point is that unfinished business, including any in relationships, needs to be settled up before you can face the future.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You may be discovering that money makes the world go round. A simple truth, but a profound one none the less. The fact is that if you wish to put certain of your dreams into action, you will have to pay your way. You may also have to pay for somebody else's!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

If you still wish to air your opinions and grievances this is a relatively safe moment to do so. Certain planetary pressures are pretty slight, so the risk of others over-reacting is slim. Mind you, you can't take anything - or anyone - for granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Over the next few days, you will be presented with many opportunities to improve relationships with children and younger family members. Be sure to seize them when they come along, otherwise you'll end up in a real scrape. A kind word now will save off all sorts of trouble later on.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

All those people who once believed that you were far too insecure to change direction will soon be proved very wrong. From now, and over the next ten weeks, your most important quality will be belief in yourself. You might even inspire others' faith in your talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

If you are cursing yourself for having taken the wrong decision, do not give up hope. Very soon, perhaps even next week, everything will be up for grabs again, and you'll have a chance to change your mind. Be sure that you don't let someone down, though.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Everything that you experienced or discovered in recent weeks is now being put back under the microscope. If you wish to break any arrangements you may do so now, but do take others' feelings into account. You will doubtless also respect a confidence - and should hang on to a secret.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

You still need to learn how to put your assets to better use and not let emotions cloud your vision. That said, Venus' sensitive presence in your chart means that you can never be entirely free of your feelings. In fact, you might be about to experience a wave of nostalgia.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You will soon be able to relax your efforts and appreciate all the good things of life. Although you may have to face awkward questions for a second time, you should do so with confidence in your own position. There is nothing to be gained from ignoring essential facts.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

It's definitely a day for tying up loose ends and for making sure that you can enter tomorrow with as little unfinished business as possible. You may accept social invitations even if you have doubts, but don't be slow to seek reassurance if you need it.

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EASY

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

4	3	9	2	7	5	1	6	8
2	8	7	3	1	6	4	9	5
6	1	5	8	4	9	3	7	2
9	2	1	7	5	4	8	3	6
7	4	3	6	9	8	5	2	1
5	6	8	1	2	3	7	4	9
8	9	2	4	3	1	6	5	7
1	5	4	9	6	7	2	8	3
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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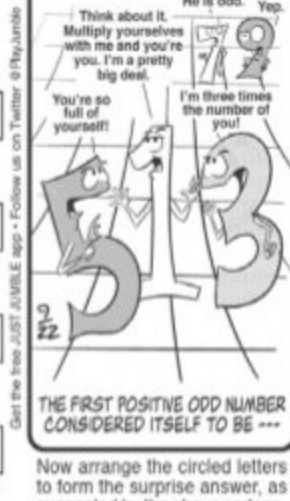
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Yesterday's Jumbles: GOING FOGGY GRUBBY FUTURE

Answer: The dog with the flea problem told the small parasitic insects to — BUG OFF

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

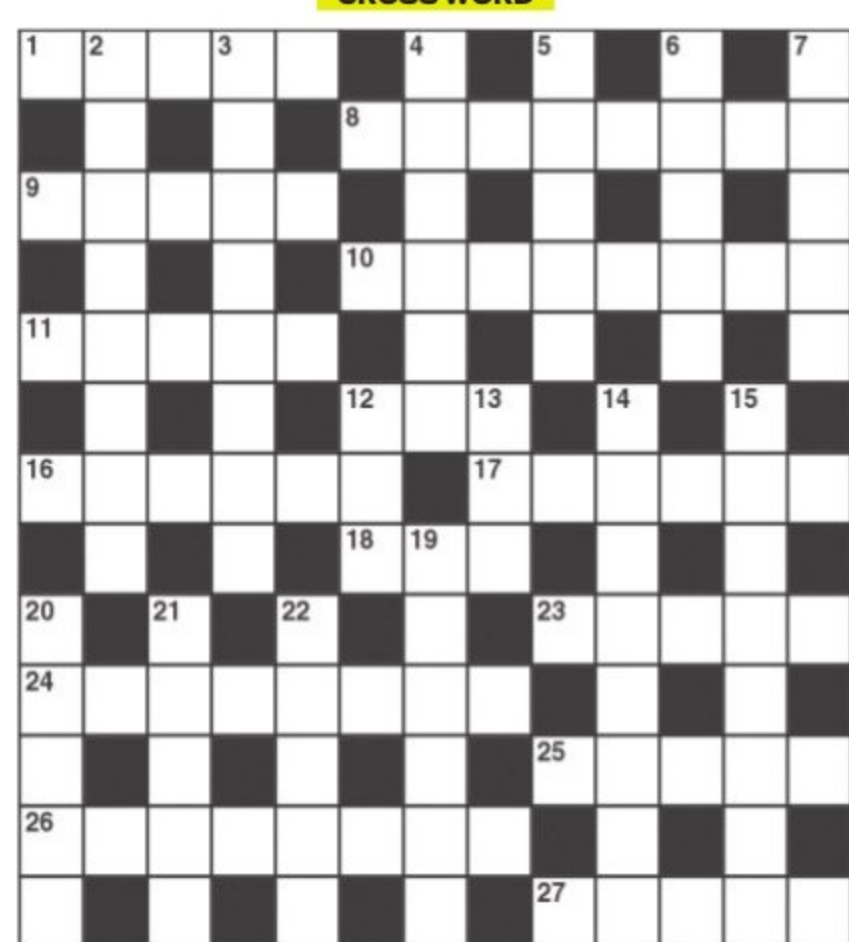
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

CROSS WORD



ACROSS

- 1 Restrict getting electrical power by credit (5)
- 2 Leaving open (8)
- 3 It may be from a pen or found in a pen (5)
- 4 Honest deal? (8)
- 5 Unused grounds (5)
- 6 In trouble do be guided by someone else (3)
- 7 Something puzzling and strange in a gem (6)
- 8 Grants a minor point (6)
- 9 Girl is quiet before noon (3)
- 10 Prone to upset Evita perhaps (5)
- 11 Dilatory sort of hero-worship (8)
- 12 Id the wrong name for a girl (5)
- 13 Keep quiet aboard ship (4,4)
- 14 They take heavy loads from different yards (5)

DOWN

- 1 Shy but going to seek the rest (8)
- 2 An advance in the property market (8)
- 3 Victorian rear extension subplot for redevelopment (6)
- 4 Ancient characters around Omagh? (5)
- 5 An air of sadness (5)
- 6 An entrance that may impress in the ring (5)
- 7 Once round the track you get a drink (3)
- 8 Currency check? (3)
- 9 A year's supply of dates (8)
- 10 Skillfully modified 24 Across (8)
- 11 New wars or old weapons (6)
- 12 It's fast becoming chilly (5)
- 13 Growing opium producer (5)
- 14 Club porter (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Band leader, 6 Purr, 10 Coward, 11 Plaintiff, 12 Opens out, 13 Ernie, 15 Noisome, 17 Cheroct, 19 Actaeon, 21 Matador, 22 Troll, 24 Cast-iron, 27 Soap opera, 28 Samba, 29 Even, 30 Brightened.
Down: 1 Buck, 2 Newsprint, 3 Laden, 4 Approve, 5 Elastic, 7 Union, 8 Reflectors, 9 Interest, 14 In bad taste, 16 Overlook, 18 Odd job man, 20 Nuclear, 21 Mustang, 23 Orate, 25 Inset, 26 Land.

Stressed health workers eagerly await inoculation

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MANY health care workers have been staying away from their families for months at a stretch, working tirelessly. However, now, with the expectation of immunisation against the disease, they are keenly awaiting the shots, although knowing that their time away from their families could be extended due to the vaccination programme and the preparations for it.

For Sister Thrupthi MS, a nursing staffer at Aster CMI Hospital, it has been several months since she has visited her hometown in Chikmagalur. She now hopes she can visit her family once she gets vaccinated. "After witnessing the impact of the virus, I would never want my loved ones to be in such a situation. Therefore, I have been away from my family," she said.

She said that the stress of unknowingly passing the infection to someone was much more than contracting it as it unintentionally puts someone's life in jeopardy. "Many of us have been subconsciously anxious, but with the use of PPE suits, and other precautions, we have kept the infection at bay so far," she added.

Dr Dayanand Sagar, president, Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD) said, "This has been the toughest part of our career. The idea of being infected is scary. Working with a PPE is

tiresome, it blunts our senses, affects our mental health to a great extent, often tempting us to quit. But, somehow, we stay. I haven't been infected, but many of my colleagues have. However, now, with a vaccine coming, it is a relief, but the government has not mentioned the exact brand of vaccine. A complete disclosure is needed."

Dr Shafiq AM, co-founder and CEO, Specialist Hospital, said that Covid-19 has changed every person's life, and being a doctor, the risk of infection has been immense. "Like me, many other doctors too have contracted the virus. We are worried that we may carry the virus to our families. The assurance that frontline workers will be given a shot of the vaccine first motivates us to serve the public with even more zeal."

Dr Prakash Doraiswamy, senior consultant for anaesthesia and critical care, Aster CMI Hospital, recently got infected. Now, he said that he was excited with the vaccines coming. "I'm extremely excited as it will allow everyone to resume their lives normally. In a period of 3-4 months of community vaccination, we will be able to achieve normalcy. Ever since the pandemic started, the entire health care sector has been under tremendous stress. To help our staff cope, we play music in our ICU which actually acted as a stress buster for the staff."



Nurses to be roped in to tackle shortage of workers

Over 500 healthcare workers participate in programme via video



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THE mammoth task of training healthcare workers for Covid-19 vaccination drive has begun in Karnataka via video conference. Over 500 healthcare workers in the districts participated in it. However, Karnataka faces the challenge of ensuring that there is no shortage of trained personnel. "The district staff will further train those in the taluks and the latter will train the staff at primary health centres. We have learnt that the vaccine will be an intramuscular injection," said Dr Rajani Nagesh, Deputy Director, Immunisation, Department of Health and Family Welfare.

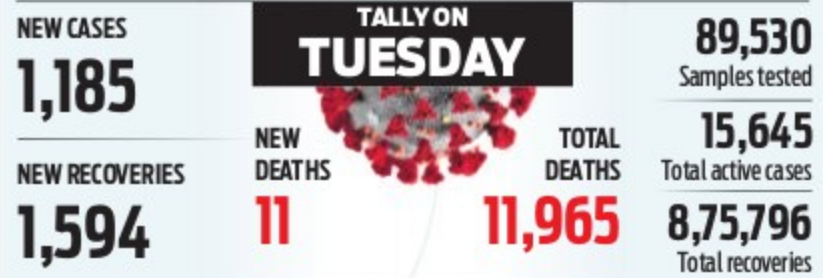
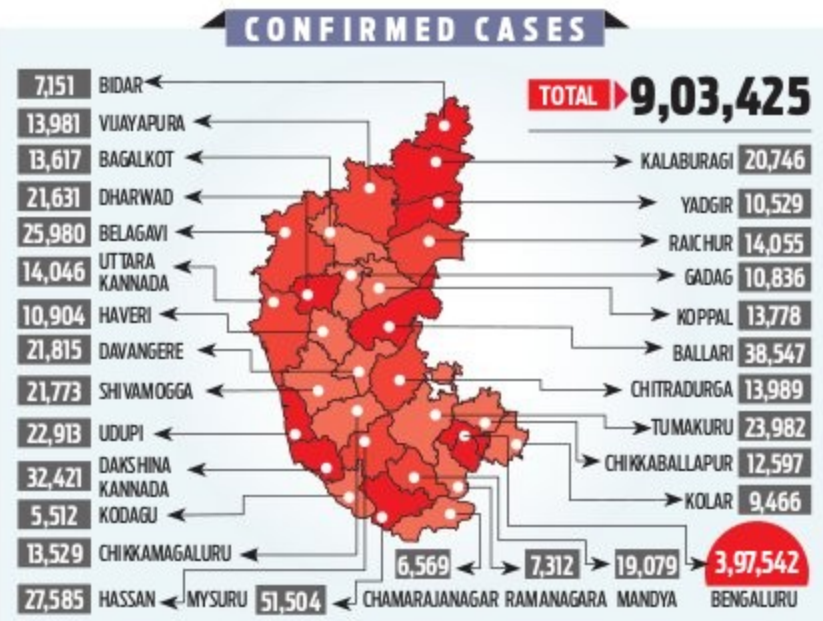
At a recent meeting with the additional chief secretary, Dr Rajani said, the need for more number of vaccinators was discussed. "In the initial phase, we might have sufficient number of vaccinators, but as we get into the second stage, we will need more personnel. Hence, it is decided that nurses and interns from medical colleges will be roped in and trained," she said.

According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, there should be five vaccination officers at one vaccination site. Right now, the state government has identified 29,451 vaccination sites and may require about 1.47 lakh vaccination personnel. The vaccination booths will

be similar to election booths. Each booth will have two vaccinators, one assistant for maintaining data and records, one assistant for logistics and 2-3 people (NCC, volunteers) for crowd management.

Dr Giridhar Babu, state Covid expert committee member, said that raising manpower might be challenging in urban areas while they already have a robust vaccine programme for the rural areas. "The health staffers need reorientation and Covid operational guidelines have clearly specified this. In urban areas, more staffers are required where health manpower from the government is limited," he said.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that the government had already identified around 10,000 trained vaccinators. A majority of them are those who had carried out the Measles Rubella (MR) immunisation campaign. He said, "Based on the state's experience during the combined MR immunisation campaign in 2017 wherein 1.58 crore children were covered in two months, Karnataka is well placed to implement the Covid-19 vaccination programme."



'Response of Indians to Covid different from other countries'

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POINTING out the progression of Covid-19 cases in the country, which were not as fast as in other parts of the world, Central Drug Research Institute (CSIR-CDRI) director Dr Tapas P Kundu said the response of Indians to the virus was different and needed to be studied in depth.

Dr Kundu said, in the sequencing of virus samples from 200 people done recently from Uttar Pradesh at the institute, chains of mutation found elsewhere in plenty, was surprisingly absent in the samples there.

Speaking at a lecture held at the University of Mysore (UoM) here on Tuesday, Dr Kundu said that in a similar study, to compare the virus, done by collecting samples from faecal matter and throat swabs detected different mutations of the virus.

Meanwhile, the institute announced its partnership with UoM through an MoU. Speaking on the partnership, Dr Kundu said they will work on two projects and one of it would be most likely on Parkinson's since no proper diagnosis methods or maps have been created to track it in the country.

HC: Is there a mechanism to check private hospitals' claims?

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THE Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the State Government to inform it whether there is any mechanism to verify the claims of private Covid hospitals for reimbursement from the government for treat-

ing Covid patients referred by public authorities. The government should also look into allegations of private hospitals charging more to treat such patients, the court said.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreenivas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar passed

the order after hearing a PIL by Dr Riyas Basha from Shivamogga, alleging irregularities in selecting private hospitals for treating Covid patients and these hospitals charging more.

The bench said the state should issue directions to private hospitals to display the

rates and to make it clear that the patients referred by public authorities need not pay for treatment and other consumables. The Bench asked the state to clarify whether there was any grievance redressal mechanism for such patients and to give details on how to file complaints.

Fresh enquiry

The Bench ordered the state to place the order about a fresh inquiry against a health official who allowed a private agency to display Covid awareness hoardings against HC order.

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The public at large are hereby notified that, my client **SRI H.S. SUNIL KUMAR**, S/o Late H.H. Hornappa, aged about 84 years, R/at No. 28, 3rd Main, Sriramanagara, Mahalakshimpuram, Bengaluru-560086, is intended to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from **SMT. YELAMANA RAJU**, W/o late Sundar Raju, aged about 69 years, R/at No. 677, 17th C Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, and my client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property. Hence the general public is hereby informed that, if anybody having any right, claim or interest over the Schedule Property, they may file written objections with the documentary evidence within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of the publication with the undersigned. If No Objections are received within the stipulated period, it will be presumed that there is no objection to purchase the Schedule Property and my client is proceed in purchasing the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No. 87/B/1/2, (Old No. 8) previously bearing No. 2, adjacent to the premises bearing No. 87/B, consisting of 11 Squares ground floor and first floor residential house, situated at 15th Cross, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru-560086, Measuring East to West 12.50 + 3.36/2 Meters, North to south 12.20 Meters and bounded on the East by: Park, West by: Premises belonging to S. C. Siddaiah bearing Old No. 87/B, (New No. 87/B, 18/1), North by: Vacant land, South by: Road.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(PROJECT ORGANISATION)

Item No.1: E-Tender Notice No.: SG/PROJMS/MAAS 3 IBS/2020/EOT (04)
Dated: 12.12.2020

Name of the work and its location: Reliability improvement with dual detection using Multi section Digital Axle counters (MSDAC) for 3 IBS in MAS Division.

Item No.2: E-Tender Notice No.: SG/PROJMS/ITPJ-MDU 3IBS/2020/EOT (05)
Dated: 12.12.2020

Name of work and its location: Reliability improvement with dual detection using Multi section Digital Axle counters (MSDAC) for 3 IBS in TPJ Division-1 & MDU Division-2.

Estimated cost of the work - Item No.1: Rs. 5,94,45,866.02/-, Item No.2: Rs. 5,00,46,782.77/-

Earnest Money - Item No.1: Rs. 4.02,200/-, Item No.2: Rs. 4.00,200/-

Completion period - Item No.1 & Item No.2: 12 Months

Last date and Time of online submission (closing) of tender document - Item No.1 & Item No.2: 14:00 hrs of 11.01.2021

Date and Time for opening of Tender - Item No.1 & Item No.2: After 14:00 hrs of 11.01.2021.

The detailed terms and conditions, other details and tender document will be available on Indian Railway Website i.e., www.reps.gov.in from 12.12.2020.

The online bids for tenders floated through the above portal are required to be digitally signed.

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Short Term e-Tender Invitation for Bids No: 26/2020-2021 dated: 15.12.2020

Name of Work	Approximate value of work in Lakhs
1. Construction of New District Police Office building with development works for the newly formed Kallakurichi District. (SE/NC/DB/2911/2020)	₹968.70 + GST 12%
2. Construction of New District Police Office building with development works for the newly formed Raniwet District. (SE/NC/DB/2912/2020)	₹963.20 + GST 12%
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1) For Tender document, visit www.tntenders.gov.in
2) Date and Time for downloading and submission of the tender documents: **12.12.2020 from 12.00 Noon to 02.01.2021 upto 6.00 P.M.**
3) Date and time of opening of the e-tender : **04.01.2021 at 11.15 A.M.**
4) Detailed Tender Notice available in the website www.tnphc.com & www.tnphc.res.in
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No. GTTC/Admin/CB/2020-21 Date: 10.12.2020

Requires Accounts Assistant on Contract Basis

Applications are invited from eligible candidates of Graduate (regular) in Commerce (B.Com) on Contract Basis for Government Tool & Training Centre. This appointment will be on temporary basis for a period of One year. The requirements are as below:

(1) **Accounts Assistant : Qualification:** B.Com (First Class) - Candidates having experience in accounts work will be given preference.

(1) For the above said posts candidates shall be from recognised university/approved colleges. (2) Age Limit: Minimum 18 Years Maximum 27 Years as on date of notification. (3) **Salary:** Consolidated pay of Rs. 21,000/- per month. (4) Selection will be based on written test cum - interview. (5) Interested candidates may download the details and application through website <https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/gttc>. The candidates shall submit the duly filled in application along with self attested copies of all the marks cards, degree certificates, experience certificates and any other relevant documents with check list to the Managing Director, GTTC. Last date for submission of application is **on 15.01.2021.**

Sd/- Managing Director

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client's husband viz., **J.K. Sharma**, S/o J.F. Sharma have purchased a property vide registered sale deed dated 15.03.1999 registered before the Sub-Registrar at Anekal pertaining Sl. No. 243 measuring 1 acre 38 Guntas situated at Belur Village, Atbelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District.

The Buddha filed an application before the assistant commissioner for restoration of said land and after his death it was prosecuted by his son viz., Narayanaappa, S/o Buddha ultimately the Division of Hortle High Court of Karnataka in W.A. No. 374/2019 vide its order dated 03.07.2019 have declared that the application filed by Buddha related to sale cannot be set-aside and hence my client has become an absolute owner of the property.

One Santhosh Kumar T and Narayanaappa in collusion have executed sale agreement and thereafter it was cancelled on 13.08.2020 and later Santhosh Kumar T without any title have executed gift deed in favour of Mr. Nandish and he in collusion with the assistant commissioner get the revenue entries in his favour even though the division Bench declared that the sale made in favor of my clients is valid the division bench order was also challenged before the apex Court in SLP No (Civil) Diary No(s) 37092/2019 and SLP was also rejected.

My clients have already challenged the entries in the RTC and the appellant authorities grant a stay. Entries of the stay order in the revenue records are found.

There is LITIGATION pending so far as entries are concerned. If anybody intended to enter into an agreement or buy the property or enter into joint development agreement they are doing so at their own risk since Nandish have no right and interest over the property as per Hon'ble High Court judgments in W.A. 374/2019.

V. SRINIVAS AND ASSOCIATES, Advocates
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is represented by the undersigned that **Smt. Binmal Kumar N. Desai**, son of Late Nattubhai Haribhai Desai, residing at Survey No. 19/1, Off Mariyanapalya Road, Hobbal Kempapura, Bengaluru-560 024, has lost/misplaced the below mentioned original Lease-cum-Sale Deeds, pertaining to residential vacant Sites bearing Nos. 554, 555 and 165 all situated at NIT Layout, Phase II, Rajeev Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru-560092.

1. LEASE-CUM-SALE DEED dated 16/06/1995, executed by the National Technological Institutions Housing Co-operative Society Limited, in favour of **Smt. Binmal Kumar N. Desai**, son of Late Nattubhai Haribhai Desai, registered vide Document No. 2485/1995-96 of Book I, Volume 630, at Pages 135 to 144, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

2. LEASE-CUM-SALE DEED dated 16/06/1995, executed by the National Technological Institutions Housing Co-operative Society Limited, in favour of **Smt. Sarojben N. Desai**, wife of Late Nattubhai Haribhai Desai, registered vide Document No. 2484/1995-96 of Book I, Volume 630, at Pages 133 to 138, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

3. LEASE-CUM-SALE DEED dated 16/06/1995, executed by the National Technological Institutions Housing Co-operative Society Limited, in favour of **Mrs. Parul N. Desai**, daughter of Late Nattubhai Haribhai Desai, registered vide Document No. 2486/1995-96 of Book I, Volume 630, at Pages 145 to 150, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

It is further represented by the undersigned that a Complaint regarding the loss of the above original documents have been lodged on 28/03/2003 at the Sheshadripuram Police Authorities and that he has not pledged the above original documents as security to any loans/borrowings. Any person in possession of the aforesaid original documents shall return the same to the undersigned.

SATHYANARAYANA G., Advocate
No. 64, 8th Main, 9th Cross, Sadashivnagar, Bengaluru-560 080
Mobile: 9343060908
Place: Bengaluru. Date: 12/12/2020.

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CORRIGENDUM

Reference to the Possession Notice published in Indian Express dated 13.12.2020 pertaining to **Sri N. Manjunatha and Smt. N. Bhagya**. In Description of property instead of with building GF & FF read as **vacant Site**. Other contents of the notice remains same.
15.12.2020
Sd/-
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Authorized Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **Mr. VIJAYA KUMAR**, S/o Late R.S. Radhakrishna, aged about 55 years, R/at Sree Venkateshwara Nilaya, No.63, 1st Main, Gangaganar Extn, Bengaluru-560032, Survey No. 78/4b2 M.R.No. H32/2017-18, measuring 28 Guntas Situated at Doddathumkur Village, Madure Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District from Smt. Ratnesw Pundhir W/o. Mr. Rajnishi Pundhir, all of them jointly claiming that they are the actual owners of said survey number having gift deed and she is exclusive physical possession and enjoyment of the said survey number and paying the taxes and their names appear in all revenue records etc.

Any persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claimants of any kind whatsoever or intending to oppose the sale in any manner may file objections in writing supported by documentary proof of their claim to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication, failing which, my client will complete the sale as if there is no such claim.

A.R. KRISHNAMURTHY, Advocate
T.C. Palaya Gate Old Madras Road, Bengaluru-560049. Ph: 9731025053

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client **Mr. R. Gopal Iyer S/o. Late. Mr. S. Ramachandra Iyer** is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **Mr. S.M. Hem Prakash S/o. Late. Mr. S.P. Mohanlal**, No. 600, Upper Palace Orchards, Sadashivnagar, Bangalore as the Vendor. Any person's objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to file their objections / claims whatsoever along with documentary proof within 15 days from the date of this notice with the undersigned failing which, my client will purchase the Schedule Property. Any objection's received after 15 days will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Corporation No.18, (Old BDA Site No.18), situated at Nandini Layout, Dollars Scheme, Bangalore measuring totally 4600 Sq.Ft. having PID- No.12-141-18 and bounded as follows:
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B. S. Karthikeyan, Advocate
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The auction of the below mentioned gold ornaments would be held at :- Respective Branches

Date: 29.12.2020 Time: 11.00 AM

Apac	Account No	Borrower Name	State	Location	Branch	Gr. wt (Gms)
GLN1771419	GLN1771419	Malliga M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	179.2
GLN1771254	GLN1771254	Malliga M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	249.79
GLN1597743	GLN1597743	Pankaj Jain	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	263.64
GLN1786879	GLN1786879	Pankaj Jain	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	220
GLN1821439	GLN1821439	R Manjunath Naidu	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	320.22
GLN1724939	GLN1724939	Jadhav Ashok	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	39.52
GLN1536669	GLN1536669	Jayaram N	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	50.57
GLN1518221	GLN1518221	Jayaram N	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	107.86
GLN1731943	GLN1731943	Jia Mahadev Palkar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	277.61
GLN1678300	GLN1678300	Ambrin Khan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	109.17
GLN1299871	GLN1299871	Mohammed Musab	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	35.67
GLN1554214	GLN1554214	Geetha H S	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	57.78
GLN1457830	GLN1457830	R B U Bhaskaran	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	91.64
GLN1695255	GLN1695255	Yeshashwini B A	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	75.71
GLN1634531	GLN1634531	P Ravindra	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	22.7
GLN1368559	GLN1368559	P Ravindra	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	57.72
GLN1656447	GLN1656447	P Ravindra	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	45.74
GLN1690775	GLN1690775	T Manasa	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	50.69
GLN1734801	GLN1734801	T Manasa	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	39.6
GLN1466252	GLN1466252	Pratyush Golecha	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JPNGR2	31.2
GLN1266571	GLN1266571	Pratyush Golecha	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JPNGR2	163.67
GLN1611176	GLN1611176	J Uday Shankar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	39.45
GLN1635083	GLN1635083	P T Chandresh Priyadarshy	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	105.53
GLN1821699	GLN1821699	Gs Devrajaya Yadav	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	120.62
GLN1760058	GLN1760058	Aadil Ahmad Jan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	204.65
GLN1475480	GLN1475480	Madish Kumar M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	165.21
GLN1604721	GLN1604721	Basavarajappa S E	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	22.86
GLN1838240	GLN1838240	Jyothi P	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	35.41
GLN1817914	GLN1817914	Lokesh R	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	207.32
GLN1819230	GLN1819230	Lokesh R	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	250.82
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GLN1837809	GLN1837809	Chandrashekar N	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RTNAGAR	28
GLN1647667	GLN1647667	Chethana S H	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RTNAGAR	25.4
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GLN1263564	GLN1263564	Roopa	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	26.22
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GLN1745674	GLN1745674	Cheemaladinne Siva	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	27.4
GLN1751895	GLN1751895	Kotha Venkatesh	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	27.36
GLN1503388	GLN1503388	Nanjunda K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	62.95
GLN1833467	GLN1833467	Rakesh R	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	41.38
GLN1762528	GLN1762528	Bharat Lahwani	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	186.27
GLN1760154	GLN1760154	Bharat Lahwani	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	293.5
GLN1759892	GLN1759892	Bharat Lahwani	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	210.03
GLN1799594	GLN1799594	Prema Bhamasagar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	15.13

In an order issued by the state government as per the direction of Transport Minister Lakshman Savadi, a five-member committee was constituted to look into the demands by unions. They were directed to conduct a meeting on health insurance, inter-SRTC transfer policy and setting up of grievance cell

‘Murder of democracy’, Siddu slams BJP, JDS

Opposition leader alleges rules were not followed, ministers got Deputy to occupy Chair

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TERMING Tuesday’s fracas in the Legislative Council “criminal” and the “murder of democracy”, former Chief Minister and Opposition leader Siddaramaiah launched a scathing attack on the ruling BJP and one-time ally JDS for what he termed “unbecoming official conduct”.

Siddaramaiah alleged that Council Chairman Prathap Chandra Shetty was forcibly locked up in his office and prevented from entering the House, and when he sought to enter, the BJP and JDS got the Deputy Chairman to occupy the seat and take control of the House. “It is a black day for Karnataka, this is thorough goondaism and Narendra Modi’s version of democracy,” he said.

There are procedures and rules to run the House constitutionally, and Law Minister Madhu Swamy and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa should explain to the people if BJP legislators’ conduct was in keeping with House decorum, Siddaramaiah said.

It is only when the Chairman is travelling, indisposed or unable to chair the House that he can authorise his deputy to occupy his place, he said, quoting from the Book of Rules of Procedure.

“BJP MLCs gave notice to move a no-confidence against the Chairman, but under the



BJP members appeal to Governor Vajubhai Vala to direct the Chairman of the Upper House to convene the House on Tuesday

Rules mandate that the Chairman ascertains there is quorum to run the House and then informs the staff to stop ringing the bell, and occupies his seat. But Deputy Chief Minister Ashwath Narayan personally got the Deputy Chairman to occupy the Chairman’s seat and Law Minister Madhu Swamy threatened the marshals in the House. Both these ministers encouraged acts of goondaism

Siddaramaiah, former CM and Opposition leader

rules, it should have been moved 14 days earlier. Since the notice was not in order, the Chairman rejected it, and it did not figure in the Council agenda. After it is put on the agenda, 10 members can propose it in the House, and the Chairman can allow a day for the issue. Was this procedure followed? Instead, the BJP decided the

agenda and illegally placed the Deputy Chairman in the seat. Is this a banana republic?” he questioned.

The parliamentary affairs secretary writing to the Chairman directly to conduct the House is itself illegal, he claimed. “Rules mandate that the Chairman ascertains there is quorum to run the House and

then informs the staff to stop ringing the bell, and occupies his seat. But Deputy Chief Minister Ashwath Narayan personally got the Deputy Chairman to occupy the Chairman’s seat and Law Minister Madhu Swamy threatened the marshals in the House. Both these ministers encouraged acts of goondaism,” Siddaramaiah alleged.

It was a conspiracy planned by the BJP and JDS, which has exposed the secret agreement between the two parties, and they must seek public pardon. I have faith that the Governor will take appropriate and impartial action, he added.

‘BJP, JDS together have the numbers’

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THE memorandum also said that the Deputy Chairman was sitting in the chair, as per rules. Congress members, including Naseer Ahmed and Narayanawamy, not just assaulted the Deputy Chairman, but dragged him out of his seat. They brought disrespect to the council, it said.

The members also appealed to the Governor to direct the Chairman to convene the House, and that all valid communication should be looked into by the Deputy Chairman.

BJP MLC Ravi Kumar told TNIE said in the 74-member House (excluding the chairman), the BJP has 31 members and JDS has 11. “Together, we have the numbers. The Chairman knows this and to keep his chair safe, he did not include it in the agenda. As per Section 181 of the Constitution, the Deputy Chairman has to convene the House,” he said.

In 2017, when DH Shankarmurthy was the chairman, the then Congress members who were in the ruling party, moved a no-confidence motion. Shankarmurthy said the Chairman’s decision is wrong, legally and morally. “When the same Congress members moved a no-confidence motion against me, I allowed,” he added.

JDS TO OPPOSE MOVE State government to take ordinance route on cow bill

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AFTER the Legislative Council was adjourned on Tuesday without transacting any business following unruly scenes, the state government is considering promulgating an ordinance on the anti-cow slaughter Bill.

“We will issue an ordinance,” Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhu Swamy said after the House was adjourned. “The ordinance will be issued anytime,” he added.

However, the Janata Dal (Secular) which had supported the government in getting the Karnataka Land Reforms Bill 2020 passed in the Council and had also extended its support to the ruling party efforts to oust the Council chairman, has made it clear that it will not support the cow Bill.

The Bill prohibiting illegal sale, purchase and transportation of cattle, including cow, calf and buffalo was passed in the assembly last week and it was to be tabled

in the council on Tuesday by Animal Husbandry Minister Prabhu Chavan.

It was part of the day’s agenda but the House was adjourned.

In a statement issued earlier in the day (before the council was adjourned), JDS supremo H D Deve Gowda reiterated his party stand on opposing the bill.

He said it will create unrest in the society. The Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act 1964 is already in place and it has provisions to punish those who violate it, Gowda said.

He added that in 2010 the then BJP government had introduced Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill-2010 that proposed to increase the punishment and fine from one to seven times keeping a community in mind and to target them.

It was referred to the President by the Governor and in 2013 after the change of government in the state, it was withdrawn.

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H D Deve Gowda, JDS supremo

Tur procurement centres should open soon: MLA

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THE state government should open tur procurement centres at the earliest and should do so by giving an additional incentive of ₹1,500 per quintal above MSP of ₹6,000 per quintal, Chief whip of Congress Dr Ajay Singh, who is also MLA of Jewargi constituency, said on Tuesday.

“Though farmers in Kalaburagi district have cultivated tur in about 5.92 lakh hectares of land, the crop cultivated in about 3 lakh hectares has been damaged due to floods. The government has not compensated for the loss on a satisfactory level,” he added.

He said Congress MLAs in Kalaburagi district will meet the chief minister and submit a memorandum in this regard. “If the government delays in opening procurement centres and fails to provide incentive, Congress will launch an agitation,” he warned.

Cong MLCs held Dy Chairman by neck: BJP

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SOON after the House assembled, Deputy Chairman Dharmu Gowda, a JDS MLC, occupied the Chairman’s seat even as the quorum bell was ringing and the Chairman who was in his office was yet to arrive inside the House.

Angry legislators rushed to the well and physically dragged Gowda from the seat. While the BJP accused the Chairman of holding on to power by rejecting the no-confidence motion without placing it before the House, the Congress blamed the ruling party of trying to prevent the Chairman from entering the House and making deputy chairman occupy the chair even when the chairman was in his office.

After putting Chandrashekhar Patil in the presiding officer’s seat, Congress MLCs stood guard around him to prevent BJP members from unseating him. All this while, the Marshals were struggling to control the situation. Amid the din and highly-charged atmosphere, the Chairman walked



Politicians crowd around Chairman PC Shetty during the Legislative Council session in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJ GADKAL

into House and immediately adjourned the House. But the ruling and opposition members continued to indulge in heated exchanges.

BJP, the single-largest party in the council with 31 members, accused Shetty and Congress of holding on to the post even after losing the confidence of members and the majority required to continue in the post. The leaders said they had followed required procedures and issued a notice for moving the no-confidence motion, but it was not listed in the agenda as the Chairman rejected it.

“Today’s developments highlighted the Congress culture. They forcibly removed the Deputy Chairman from the

seat holding him by his neck,” said Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa after he was briefed about the developments. After JDS openly stated that they were supporting BJP Congress should have immediately asked the chairman to resign as they do not have the majority, Yediyurappa said.

Shetty from Congress and Gowda from JDS were elected when the JDS-Congress coalition government was in power. Now, in the changed situation, especially after BJP emerged as the single-largest party in the Council and struck a good equation with the JDS, the party is keen on ousting the chairman, who they accuse of being partisan. But the Congress

blamed BJP for the ruckus in the House. “How could the Deputy Chairman occupy that seat when the Chairman was in the office? The Deputy Chairman should not have done that,” Opposition Leader in the Council S R Patil told TNIE.

Congress Legislature Party chief Siddaramaiah said it was a black spot on parliamentary democracy. It was a conspiracy by BJP and JDS, he alleged.

JDS MLC Basavaraj Horatti said the chairman lost the majority support and since the no-confidence motion was against him, the Deputy Chairman had occupied the seat.

The government, however, defended its decision to allow Deputy Chairman to conduct the House. Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said, “He (Shetty) has rejected our motion of impeachment, though he has no powers to do so. He cannot be a judge in his own case.”

Revenue Minister R Ashoka said, “We condemn the Chairman’s behaviour. Our fight will continue.”



BJP MLA JC Madhu Swamy speaks outside Raj Bhavan on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

EXPRESS READ

‘Cong should apologise for goonda behaviour’

MANGALURU: BJP state president and MP Nalin Kumar Kateel condemned the ruckus in Legislative Council on Tuesday and has demanded an apology from the Congress for the people of the state. In a statement, he alleged that the Congress has brought disrepute to the tradition of Legislative Council by resorting to ‘goondaism’ and thereby insulted the people of the state.

“The behavior of Congress members is condemnable. This is murder of democracy. Congress has a history in goondaism. All these days, they were doing goondaism outside the assembly and council, but now they are doing it inside also,” he said. **ENS**

Ambareesh fans enter Mysuru election fray

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

The Gram Panchayat polls this year has seen Ambareesh fans entering the fray. But Sumalatha, MP and wife of the late actor-turned politician, has not given her nod yet to them to contest. The fans, spread across the district, had sweated out for Sumalatha Ambareesh in the Lok Sabha polls and played a major role in her victory.

Although the panchayat polls are not contested on party symbols, Ambareesh fans have entered the fray in many seats backing Congress. They had expressed displeasure over the BJP supporting the JDS in the Mandya DCC Bank election recently.



Some fans have chosen to display ‘a man blowing a trumpet’, Sumalatha’s symbol in the Lok Sabha elections, while a few others have sought the support of Raitha Sangha. B S Pradeep, a fan and a candidate, has used pictures of both Ambareesh and Sumalatha and also her symbol. This, despite the Panchayat Raj Act banning the use of symbols of political parties.

Madan, a close confidant of Sumalatha, said they may not support any candidate as it will divide the unity among local people. He said everyone is free to contest and Sumalatha will make her stand clear in a couple of days.

“Many come to Sumalatha saying they are contesting the panchayat polls. We neither have supported nor stopped them from contesting,” he clarified. On a few candidates preferring to use the ‘man blowing a trumpet’ symbol, he said the candidates might have given their preference but the symbol was not of a registered political party and was given to Sumalatha who had contested as an independent candidate in the LS polls.

IT’S A FIXED MATCH HERE, BUT VILLAGE FOLK HAPPY

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

IT is democracy with a difference in the tiny village of Bellada Bagewadi in Hukkeri taluk of Belagavi district. While elections to Gram Panchayats are in full swing in Karnataka, this village, which produces sugarcane in abundance, has known its fate for seven decades.

The Katti family, which is from this village, holds the reins here. Panchayat elections are not contested, instead, the candidates are elected unopposed, and villagers abide by the family’s decisions on any developments. Umesh and Ramesh Katti take all the major decisions, with the consent of the GP members and villagers.

The villagers’ loyalty to the Katti family is unshakable. Umesh Katti has won eight Assembly elections from Hukkeri, while his brother Ramesh has won as MP once. Prior to that, their father Vishwanath Katti was Hukkeri MLA.

According to villagers, elections have been held unopposed to Group Panchayats and Mandal



A candidate from Abbigeri Gram Panchayat in Gadag files his nomination on Tuesday

Panchayats in Bellada Bagewadi, before Gram Panchayats came into existence. A villager recalls that an election was held to one ward in Bellada Bagewadi GP in 1977 – the first and last contest.

This time round, 33 members were elected unopposed, and felicitated at the residence of Ramesh Katti. The villagers are appreciative of their election model: no cost, no tension and no bitterness.

Youngsters want a change

Kargaon Gram Panchayat, near Belagavi, has followed a similar proto-

type since 1962, though it is being challenged of late. The villages of Kargaon, Donwad and Hanchalkeri, all in Chikkodi taluk, have 16 members in its six wards of Kargaon GP. Candidates have been elected unopposed for 58 years, and the only election held was in 2015.

The villagers attribute the success of a hassle-free election to senior citizens DT Patil and TY Kivad, an advocate. While efforts are on to ensure that they are held unopposed this time too, some youngsters of Kargaon wanted to break the mould and have a contest.

Voters look forward to liquor, mutton party



Belagavi: Liquor sales have gone up by 125% in just 15 days in Belagavi district ahead of the Gram Panchayat polls. Knowing that it will be dry days soon due to the elections, many candidates are wooing voters by arranging lavish parties in the night offering liquor and biryani. To keep their supporters happy, the candidates are organising parties in farm houses. According to the data of the excise department, 67,542 liquor and 21,560 beer boxes have been sold in the district after the announcement of the elections from the period December 1 to 14. In the same period last year, 54,106 boxes of liquor and 18,363 beer boxes were sold. Besides this, some candidates in the villages close to Maharashtra and Goa borders are illegally transporting Goa liquor which is much cheaper than the one available here, according to sources. Sheep and goats have also become more expensive. The price of sheep weighing 15 to 18 kg is between Rs 6,000 and Rs 8,000. The price is now in the range of Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000 in the rural parts of the district. —Sunil Patil

Where unity, brotherhood score over Gram Panchayat elections

6 SUBHASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

IN the village of Kadabanakatte of Turuvanuru hobli in Chitradurga taluk and district, unity and brotherhood are the mainstay of the people’s welfare.

Here, elections haven’t been held for the Gram Panchayat or cooperative bodies, and members are selected by the village heads, irrespective of caste, community and religion. MLAs T Raghunurthy, GH Thippareddy and former minister G H Ashwath Reddy have worked hard to keep the unity among the villagers, and this has effectively done away with elections since 1972.

Six members from Kadabanakatte and Kadabanakatte Mysarahatti were elected unopposed. Challakere MLA Raghunurthy, who is from Kadabanakatte, told TNIE that it was Ashwath Reddy

who ensured that the brotherhood rules the village, and as far as possible, politics is kept out.

“On the directions of Ashwath Reddy, my father T Thippaiah got elected as president of the Mandal Panchayat, and subsequently, the Gram Panchayat,” he said. “Since then, my father has been involved in electing members of the GP and cooperative societies, and I am continuing the tradition.”

Due importance is given to all sections — Kammass, Valmiki Nayakas, Adi Karnataka, Adi Dravida, Kumbhara, Dhobi, Vishwakarma, Pinjara and other communities, he said. Flags of political parties are not hoisted to ensure that brotherhood prevails, he added. Suresh, a resident, said, “Our village Kadabanakatte is the best example of the Anubhava Mantapa concept of reformer Basaveshwara.

'Chief' of B'loru coke syndicate held

Nigerian Ambrose supplied drugs to his string of peddlers; Picked up from Banasawadi house

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SLEUTHS of the Central Crime Branch (CCB), probing the drug peddling racket in the state, on Monday evening arrested a Nigerian who they claim to be the kingpin supplying cocaine to a chain of peddlers.

In a statement on Tuesday, Joint Commissioner of Police Sandeep Patil, said, "The main kingpin in the cocaine supply chain in Bengaluru has been arrested by the CCB. He is called 'Chief'. His real name is **Chidiebere Ambrose**."

A senior police officer, who

was part of the investigation, said that Ambrose was caught when he was meeting a group of peddlers at a house in Banasawadi on Monday. The operation was planned carefully and railway police too had been alerted.

A team of police officials who were on Ambrose's trail received a tipoff that he was meeting the peddlers at Banasawadi house and conducted the raid. Ambrose was then produced before court, which remanded him in police custody.

A special team working on tracking Ambrose had gathered

call records of his associates and had been watching his movements. They learnt that he was coming to Bengaluru by train and was bringing drugs

from neighbouring states to distribute them to his network of peddlers, the official said. The investigating team had alerted the railway police about Ambrose's arrival.

After the arrest, the CCB seized 28 different SIM cards from Ambrose as he frequently changed his numbers to keep in touch with his peddlers.

The police officer said that the interrogation of those ar-

rested in drug cases since August this year consistently threw up the name of Chief, indicating his status in the network. "We found that all the Nigerian drug peddlers bought cocaine from a person named 'Chief'. After a detailed investigation, this Chief has been arrested," Patil said in the statement.

With Ambrose in the net, a senior police officer said that they can now carry out investigations to identify the source of the drugs. Besides, further investigations will also bring out several more names involved in the drug racket, the official said.



Teacher rapes minor girl coming home for tuitions, arrested

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MADANAYAKANAHALLI police on Monday arrested a habitual offender for raping a minor girl. She had come to his house for her tuition classes when the incident took place.

The accused Ravi Kiran alias Kiran, (26) and his wife run tuition classes at their house. He

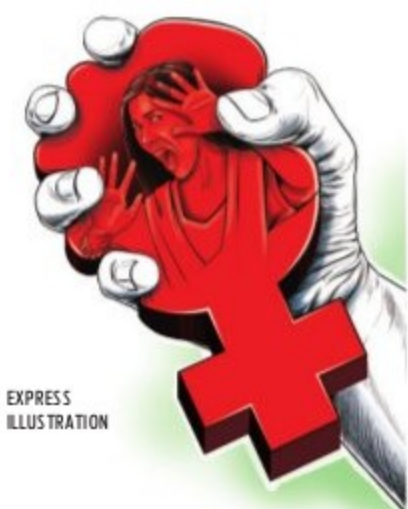
is a cab driver and a resident of Machohalli.

A senior police officer said the incident took place a year ago and the girl was studying in Class 10. One day when she came for tuition, Kiran's wife had gone out. Kiran allegedly dragged her inside a room and allegedly raped her. The girl had revealed about the incident to her parents but they didn't inform the police fearing loss of honour. They also asked their daughter to keep it a secret.

However, Kiran recently discussed the incident with his friends who shared it with the girl's neighbours. They then told the parents to approach the police and an FIR was filed.

Based on a complaint, the police nabbed him and he was booked under PCOCSO Act.

Kiran was earlier involved in a dacoity and robbery cases in Ullala and was arrested by Kengeri police.



TWO HELD FOR ROBBING PRIVATE FIRM EMPLOYEE

BENGALURU: The Kengeri police have arrested two youths for allegedly robbing a custodian of a cash management services firm by threatening him with a pistol-like object. The accused are Ravi and his relative Raju, both natives of Ramanagar. Police said the accused had waylaid Rahul at Mariyamma Temple Road in Kengeri Satellite Town, and had robbed him of Rs 79,920 in cash. The manager of the firm where Rahul worked has lodged a complaint with the police.



THE FORCE WITH THEM

Women aspirants take part in a three-day Army recruitment rally at Kittur Rani Chennamma Grounds, Jayanagar, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

Construction worker electrocuted

Bengaluru: A labourer was electrocuted while working at a site in Bhuvaneshwari Nagar on Monday. The deceased is Dhaniram Chandra (27), a native of Chhattisgarh. The incident took place around 12.45 pm when the labourers were undertaking plastering work. In a bid to drill the ceiling of a bedroom, Dhaniram had drawn electric connection from another room. Meanwhile, other labourers accidentally pulled the wire, which fell on the iron chair on which Dhaniram was standing. He sustained a severe shock.

Ravi Pujari's role in Varthur kidnap case being probed

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE Kolar police are not ruling out the role of jailed underworld don **Ravi Pujari** in the kidnapping for ransom of former MLA Varthur Prakash. According to official sources, Pujari's involvement in the case is "also being looked into" after the arrest of his close associate Kaviraj, who is a prime accused in the kidnap case.

The police have obtained Kaviraj's custody for six days. "Kaviraj has given the names of some others, who are allegedly involved in the sensational case. Based on his

statement and investigation, the police have identified a dozen other men — all from Karnataka — who could be involved in the crime," said an official source.

Meanwhile, the police have ruled out reports that had earlier appeared in a section of media stating that Prakash was kidnapped by a gang, which was hired by a Pune-based money lender from whom he had borrowed Rs 5 crore to buy 1,000 cattle and had not returned the money. "Prakash was kidnapped for ransom by Kaviraj and his gang. It was a professionally planned and executed crime," the officer clarified.



PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to caution the general public that the immovable property bearing Survey No. 126 of Jarakabande Kaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 01 Acre, more fully described in the schedule hereunder, which is the subject matter in OS No. 2286/2018, pending adjudication on the files of the Hon'ble City Civil Judge (CCJ-30), Bangalore for a relief of partition filed our clients, Mr. Naveen R and Mr. Uday R. Our clients, the Plaintiffs in the above case have informed us that the Defendant No. 5, Mr. K Raghava Reddy claims to be the owner of the said property is making hectic efforts to either alienate or create third party rights in respect of the Schedule property during the pendency of the civil suit. Therefore, the general public are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Schedule Property in any manner and in spite of this public notice anybody deals with the Schedule property, they shall be doing so at their own costs and risks and our clients shall not be responsible for such transactions.

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All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Survey No. 126 of Jarakabande Kaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 01 Acre and bounded on East by : Property bearing Survey No. 125, West by : Property bearing Survey No. 127, North by : Road South by : Cross Road
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This is inform the general public that **MR. VIJAYA KUMAR**, S/o Late R.S. Radhakrishna, aged about 55 years, R/vt Sree Venkateshwara Nilaya, No.63, II Main, Ganganager Extn, Bengaluru-560032. Survey No.97/5 M.R.No. T30/2016-17, measuring 1 acre 34 Guntas Situated at Doddathumkur Village, Madure Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District from Sri A.V. Raghu S/o Vijayashankar, all of them jointly claiming that they are the actual owners of said survey number having self documented property by way of sale deed, Document No. 2270/1969-70, Book-1, Volume No. 1346, in Sub-registered at Doddaballapura, Dated 17-11-1969. The above said sale deed recently lost at that time lodge a complaint to Doddaballapura Rural police station, NDR. No. 1250/2018, police Acknowledgement Dated 29-10-2018, and he is exclusive physical possession and enjoyment of the said survey number and paying the taxes and their names appear in all revenue records etc. Any persons asserting any rights, title, interest or claimants of any kind whatsoever or intending to oppose the sale in any manner may file objections in writing supported by documentary proof of their claim to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication, failing which, my client will complete the sale as if there is no such claim.
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Also at: Flat No.309, A Block, Unique Concord Apartment, S/O. 94/4, Lottegottahalli Main Road, Tatanagar, Near Vyasa International School, Bangalore-560092	1) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Flat No: A-091, in 9th Floor, 4BHK, having Super Built up area of 3331 Sq. ft. & UDS of 799.44 Sq. ft. in the apartment "Living Walls Another Sky", situated at Horamavu Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore-560043, bounded by: East : Corridor & Staircase, West : Open to Sky, North: Lift, South: Open to Sky, Area of Flat: Super Built up area of 3331 Sq. ft. & UDS of 799.44 Sq. ft. 2) All that piece and parcel of the Residential building consisting of Stilt+GF+FF+SF+Terrace having total built up area of 6744 Sq. ft. constructed on Site No: 7, Municipal No. 98/45/7, situated at Balaji Layout, AMCO Colony, Kott Hosahalli, Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560092, bounded by: East: Road, West: Property belonging to Sri. Gundappa, North: Property No. 8, South: Property No. 6. Area of Land: East to West: 59 Feet; North to South: 40 Feet; Total of 2360 Sq. ft. 3) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No: 48/3, Khata No. 48/3, Kodigehalli Village, Adjacent to Tata Nagar, Bangalore-560092, bounded by: Item No.1: Eastern Portion of Site No.48/3, East: 60 Feet Road, West: K Nagaraju Property, North: Narayanaappa Property, South: Ramakrishnappe's Property Item No.2: Western Portion of Site No.48/3, East: Chandrashekar's Property, West: Road, North: Sundaresha's Property, South: Ramakrishnappe's Property Area of Land: Total: 6240 Sq. ft. (Item No.1: 3120 Sq. ft. + Item No.2: 3120 Sq. ft.) Item No.1: East to West: 78 Feet; North to South: 40 Feet; Item No.2: East to West: 78 Feet; North to South: 40 Feet; 4) All that piece and parcel of the under-constructed residential building constructed on Site No: 378, Municipal No. 301/300/378, Indian Institute of Science Employees House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., situated at J.R.D Tatanagara, Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560092, bounded by: East: Road, West: Property No.367, North: Property No. 377, South: Property No. 379 Area of Land: East to West: 60 Feet, North to South: 40 Feet; Total of 2400 Sq. ft. with under-constructed building thereon 5) All that piece and parcel of the residential vacant Site No: 17, New Khatha No. 2633/2673/148/17, situated at 11th Main Road, Adjacent to Tata Nagar, Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560092, bounded by: East: Road, West: Site No.18, North: Site No. 19, South: Road Area of Land: [As per deed- East to West: 47 Feet; North to South: 60 Feet; Total of 2820.00 Sq. ft.] [As per Actual- East to West: (40+51)2 Feet; North to South: 55 Feet; Total of 2502.50 Sq. ft.]	1) Reserve Price: Rs. 2,63,00,000/- EMD: Rs.26,30,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021, Time: 5:00 PM 2) Reserve Price: Rs.2,70,00,000/- EMD: Rs.27,00,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021 Time: 5:00 PM 3) Reserve Price: Rs.5,58,00,000/- EMD: Rs.55,80,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021 Time: 5:00 PM 4) Reserve Price: Rs. 2,64,00,000/- EMD: Rs.26,40,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021 Time: 5:00 PM 5) Reserve Price: Rs. 1,28,50,000/- EMD: Rs. 12,85,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021 Time: 5:00 PM	Rs. 17,35,17,259.65/- (Rupees Seventeen Crore Thirty Five Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Nine & Paise Sixty Five Only) as on 30-11-2020 plus Further interest and other charges Rs. 1,24,31,367.40 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven & Paise Fourty only) as on 30.11.2020 plus Further interest and other charges. Rs. 2,70,09,296.17 (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Lakhs Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Six and Paise Seventeen Only) as on 30.11.2020 plus Further interest and other charges there on	06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM 06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM 06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM 06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM 06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	1) Physical Possession 2) Physical Possession 3) Physical Possession 4) Physical Possession 5) Constructive Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer
3)	(1) M/S Bhavana Farms represented by its partners Mr. Sreenivas, S.Uma & S.Anitha situated at No.208,11th Main, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bngalore-560086 (2) Mr. N Sreenivas, Residing at No.296,16th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080 (3) Mrs. Uma, Residing at No.296, 16th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080 (4) Mrs. Anitha Residing at No.296, 16th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080.	1) All that piece and parcel of the EM of Property bearing Municipal No.17 (Old No.315) Situated at 15th cross Road, Sadashivanagar, and Municipal Ward No.99 of Aramane Nagar, Bangalore and Measuring East to West: 61 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet totally admeasuring 2440 Sq. Feet along with construction thereon belonging to Mr. N. Sreenivas and S. Uma and bounded by: East By: Property Bearing No.303, North By: Property Bearing No.314, West By: Road, South By: Road	Reserve Price: Rs.7,61,00,000/- EMD: Rs. 76,10,000/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021 Time: 5:00 PM	Rs. 1,24,31,367.40 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven & Paise Fourty only) as on 30.11.2020 plus Further interest and other charges.	06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Constructive Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer
4)	1) M/S. Pradhyun's Group represented by its partners a) Mr. Puneeth N Gowda & b) Mrs. Nikitha P Gowda having address at: No.32, 15th Cross, 3rd Main, Margosa Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003 Also at: #3416, 1st Floor, 13th Main, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560 010 2) Mr. Puneeth N Gowda & 3) Mrs. Nikitha P Gowda both R/O No.22, SMS Residency, HIG Colony, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 094 4) Mrs. Renuka W/O K Vasanth Kumar R/O #19/1, 6th Cross, Deve Gowda Block, Adugodi, Bangalore-560 030 5) Mr. Nanjunde Gowda R/O #3416, 1st Floor, 13th Main, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010 Also at: No.108, 3rd Cross, 4th Block, Basaveswara Nagar, Bangalore-560 079	1) All that piece and parcel of the residential building constructed on No: 19/1 (Old No.19, Western Portion of Side), 6th Cross, Devegowda Block, Adugodi, Ward No.67, Bengaluru, Karnataka, bounded by: East:A schedule Property of Srinivas Murthy K, West: Narasiah's Property, North: Property No. 8, South: Road Area of Land: Total: 600 Sq. ft., East to West: 20 Feet, North to South: 30 Feet 2) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No: 09 (Old No.3416), PID No. 8-44-9, constructed in CITB Site No.3416 at 1st Main Road, 'C' Block, Gayathrinagar (earlier II Stage, Rajajinagar), Bangalore measuring East to West (43+42)2 feet and North to South 30 feet with building thereon consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor bounded by: East: Road, West: Road, North: Property No. 3417, South: Property No.3416/A, Area of Land: Total: 1275 Sq. ft. East to West: (43+42)2 Feet, North to South: 30 Feet 3) All that piece and parcel of the immovable vacant residential site No: 35A, Sy. No.196 of Laggere Village, situated at Laggere Village, Ward No.75, Shankaramutta, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, Karnataka, bounded by: East: Road, West : Other's Land, North: Site No. 36, South: Other's Land Area of Land: Total: 1404 Sq. ft. East to West: 52 Feet, North to South: 27 Feet;	1) Reserve Price: Rs.70,18,000/-, EMD: Rs.7,01,800/- Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021 Time: 5:00 PM 2) Reserve Price: Rs.2,02,79,000/-, EMD: Rs.20,27,900/-, Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021 Time: 5:00 PM Reserve Price: Rs.1,38,99,000/-, EMD: Rs.13,89,900/-, Bid Increment Amount: Rs. 50,000/- Last Date & time of receipt of EMD Amount: 05.01.2021, Time: 5:00 PM	Rs. 1,24,31,367.40 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Seven & Paise Fourty only) as on 30.11.2020 plus Further interest and other charges there on	06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM 06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM 06.01.2021 & From 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	1) Constructive Possession 2) Constructive Possession 3) Constructive Possession	With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer With prior Appointment from Authorised Officer

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm> and <https://ibapi.in>. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Tel No. 080-25011286/280/350 Mobile 9739316716.

Date: 15.12.2020 , Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer, ZOSARB, Bank of Baroda

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Date: 15.12.2020, Place: Bangalore

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INDIAN RAILWAY CATERING AND TOURISM CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of India Enterprise - Mini Ratna)
CIN - L74905DL1995050197

IRCTC invites
Open E- Tender (no.2020/IRCTC/EPR/Open plastic bottle collection) for hiring of Agencies for collection of scrap plastic bottle and other related plastic material from railway premises or from other sources for EPR compliance as per scope of work.

Pre Bid Meeting: 23.12.2020 Last Date of submission: **30.12.2020** upto 15:00 hrs.

This tender document can only be submitted / received at <http://www.tenderwizd.com/IRCTC>. For details visit www.irctc.com or www.tenderwizd.com/IRCTC.

Corrigendum/addendum if any, will be published only on www.irctc.com and www.tenderwizd.com/IRCTC.

Office Address: GGM P&T, 11th Floor, B-148, Statesman House, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi-110 001 Tel 011-23311263-64 Fax 011-23311259

Reg.No. JRB/Amendment /10:2015-16
VIDYAGIRI HOUSE BUILDING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED
No. 291, G-005, Giri Block, Vidiyagiri Residency, 4th Main Road, 7th 'A' Cross, Vidiyagiri Layout, Nagarabhatti, 1st Stage, Bangalore- 560 072.

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY 2019-20- INVITATION

The pandemic covid-19 is rapidly spreading in the state, as per the Government order no. SA.E43.C.L.M.2020(E) Bengaluru dated 21-10-2020 order, this time society's 2019-20 Annual General Body Meeting will be held on 23.12.2020 Wednesday at 11:00AM in the society office under the president ship of Prof. Sri C.S. Nilugai, President. Requesting the members to attend Annual General Body Meeting to discuss the below mentioned Agenda of the meeting through (**video Conference**) / (**Virtual Meeting**) only and make it successful. Members are requested to login the meeting on time from their **SMART MOBILE PHONE** in the link mentioned here (LINK) <http://139.59.69.99/vhbc/>

NOTICE

1. Requested to the members who are all wanted to discuss the points in the Annual General Body Meeting should be submitted by writing to the society office on or before 17.12.2020.
2. This time Members are not allowed to attend the Annual General Body Meeting in personally.
3. The Members who have not submitted Xerox copies of Aadhar card & Pan Card are requested to submit. Change of Address should be submitted in writing with the relevant documents.

Permission from the Executive Committee Members
Sd/- Sri Praveen Kumar S.H.
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 29.11.2020
Place: Bengaluru

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(A Government of India Undertaking)
Together We Can

NR Road Branch : New City Complex, 4th Cross, Narasimha Raja Road, Bangalore – 560 002.
Ph : 080 - 22132737, Email : cb0410@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR
Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,
Borrower : K.Sultan Ahmed, S/o Khader Mohiuddine
13 B No 18th Street, Chandni Chowk Road Cross, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560 051.
Guarantor : Sri Jameel Ahmed, S/o A.M. Mohd. Mohiuddine
AT - #47 S G Narayana Layout, 1st Cross, Lbaggah Road, Bangalore – 560 027

That you, **K. Sultan Ahmed S/o Khader Mohiuddine**, at- # 13 B No 18th Street, Chandni Chowk Road Cross, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560 051, Proprietor of **Jayess Steel** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") have availed various loan against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our Branch. You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **29.4.2016**. The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues / outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank within **60 days from the date of receipt of this notice**. The notice under Sec 13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post. Ack. Due on **18.11.2020**, has remained undelivered.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of 13.40% per annum plus penal interest together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs.15,50,647.00 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven Only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Liability As on	Rate of Interest
0410605000001	Canara Mortgage	Rs.15,50,647.00	13.40 % per annum

Details of Security Assets : EMT of residential building situated at B No 18th Street, Chandni Chowk Road Cross, Shivaji Nagar, Bangalore – 560 051, standing in the name of **K. Sultan Ahmed**, bearing Municipal No – 13, PID No. 78-21-13 (Old no.9) in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagarapalika, Ward No – 78 (New Ward No – 92, Shivaji nagar) measuring on the east 26 feet 8 inches, on the west 26 feet 8 inches, on the north 25 feet 8 inches and the south 26 feet, with existing building and bounded on the **East** by – B No. 18th Street, **West** by – Private Property, **North** by – B No. 15th Street and **South** by – Property No. – 8, New No.12 belonging to K. Iqbal Ahmed. Name of title holder: **Sri K. Sultan Ahmed S/o Khader Mohiuddine**.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 15.12.2020
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mrs. Geetha, R.**, Wife of Mr. Manjunath, P. aged about 30 years, residing at No.4, Anagalapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560049 has applied for the Loan and going to mortgage with Financial Institution, has already lost her Original property documents, i.e. Sale Deed dated 31-01-2006, Doc.No.15733/05-06, and Two Sale Deeds both dated 13-04-2015, bearing Doc.No.655/15-16, and Doc.No.656/15-16, regarding the same she has given the police complaint on 10/08/2020 with Avalahalli Police Station.

All persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his office at 'XPRT LEX-Law Firm, Advocates & Solicitors, No.1752, 1st Floor, 14th Main, Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560111, within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the said Mortgage will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE:

Item No.1: Property bearing Katha No.169, formed out of property No.58, situated at Anagalapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 41X20 feet.

Item No.2: Property bearing Katha No.170, formed out of property No.58, situated at Anagalapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring 41X13 feet.

PRASHANT KUMAR M. B., Advocate
XPRT LEX-Law Firm, Advocates & Solicitors, No.1752, 1st Floor, 14th Main, Kumaraswamy Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560111.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our client is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule property.

The original registered sale deed dated 14/12/1995 and registered as document no.10593/1995-56 in Book-4 at the office of Senior Sub-Registrar, Kanargi executed by Sri.N.Ramappa and Sri.N.Manjunath in favour of my client Sri. Ramesh and registered rectification deed dated 31/01/2014 bearing document number 11657/2013-14 registered in the office of the sub-registrar, Banashankari executed by Sri.N.Ramappa and Sri.N.Manjunath in favour of my client Sri. Ramesh are lost/misplaced by the client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged online on 15/12/2020.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 07 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential Site bearing numbers 48 and 57, having Katha number 485 and 476, situated Subramanyapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring Eighty four to West, 30 Feet and North to South: 80 Feet, including all rights and appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, presently within the local limits of BBMP and bounded as follows:

On the East by : Site Number 56 and 49
West by : Site No.58 and 47
North by : Road
South by : Road.

H.K. GIRISH, ADVOCATE
M & G Associates
82, 1st Floor, 41st Cross,
03rd Main, 08th Block, Jayanagara,
Bangalore-560070.
Ph - 080-25632343 / 6362653681

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client **Nalin V., D/o. Vijaya Kumar**, or her nominees in interested to purchase a property fully described in the schedule hereunder and has entered into a Sale Agreement with the land owner **R. Chandrashekar, S/o. Late. N. Ramakrishna**, any person having any kind of rights, interests or claims may lodge their objections in writing with documentary proof within 10 days to the undersigned from the date of publication of this notice. If any kind of objections is not received within the stipulated period, my client or her nominees will proceed to purchase the schedule property in accordance with law. Any claim received thereafter will not be entertained or considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the intermediate vacant site No.22 formed in **Sy.No.10 measuring E to W : 47.5 + 49.5 feet, N to S : 40 feet** in all measuring 1940 Sq.Ft. at shettyhalli village, Yashwanthapur Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District (converted for non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide official memorandum No. ALNWN) S.R. 25/10-11 dated 29.03.2011, by Special Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District, Bengaluru). And Bounded on

East by : private property.
West by : Site No.21.
North by : Site No. 17.
South by : Road.

Sd/- B.NAVEEN KUMAR
Mrs. SUMEDHA ASSOCIATES
Advocates,
No.3/6, 1st Floor, S.N. Complex,
Kodigehalli Main Road, Opp: Jayavittala
Park Hall, Kodigehalli, Bangalore-560 092.
Mob: 9901699800 / 9900998800

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that my client **N. Ashwathanarayana, S/o M. Nanjundappa, R/t No.82/3, 11th Cross, Mallathahalli, Balaji Layout, Bangalore - 560056** has intimated me that he has lost the following Original Documents on 10-12-2020 at the time of riding the Honda Activa at Bengaluru. In spite of several efforts the said documents has not been traced out, hence my client had lodged the online complaint before the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police, Bengaluru on 12-12-2020 vide No.161898/2020. If anyone traces the below mentioned Original Documents I request you to kindly contact and handover the said documents to the below mentioned address or my client's above said address.

Lost of Original documents List:

1) Sale Deed No.3079/1970-71 dated 19.08.1970, Sale Deed No.879/1963-64 dated 22.04.1963, Sale Deed No.3981/1967-68 dated 07.12.1967, Sale Deed No.116/1960-61 dated 08.04.1960, Sale Deed No. 1583/1957-58 dated 06.06.1957, Sale Deed No.2109/1955-56 dated 12.09.1955, Sale Deed No.2343/1954-55 dated 04.10.1954, Sale Deed No.2005/1965-66 dated 29.06.1965, Sale Deed No.2016/1953-54 dated 06.06.1953, Sale Deed No.3661/1969-70 dated 16.03.1970, Sale Deed No. 14923/2004-05 dated 08.07.2004, Sale Deed No. 14920/2004-05 dated 08.07.2004, Sale Deed No. 14921/2004-05 dated 08.07.2004, Sale Deed No.5273/1964-65-05 dated 01.02.1965, Sale Deed No.4187/1964-65-05 dated 06.02.1965, Sale Deed No.7407/1987-88 dated 05.08.1987 (Chikkalur, Sy.No.41/1), Sale Deed No.5067/1988-89 (Chikkalur, Sy.No.41/2), Sale Deed No.2992/2015-16 dated 19.10.2015, Sale Deed No.2993/2015-16 dated 19.10.2015, 2) RRT CR 11/17/1989-90 copy, RRT CR 52/2004-05 copy, RRT CR 205/2001-02, 3) IL & RRC Copy.

G.V. ASHWATHANARAYANA,
Advocate
No.192, 8th Main, WOC Road,
Mahaganapathinagar, Rajajinagar,
Bengaluru - 560010. Mob: 98453 02561.
Bengaluru Date: 16.12.2020

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU

P & S.G. NO. 345/2020 (CCH-87)
BETWEEN: 1. Smt. Jayanthi Bai S. Aged about 58 years, W/o late Sekar G. R/t No. AM-204, 1st A Main East of NGEF, Kasthuri Nagar, Bengaluru-560 043
2. Somasundaram Sekar, Aged about 36 years, S/o. late G. Sekar
3. Smt. Vidhyalakshmi, Aged about 32 years D/o late G. Sekar, No.2 and 3 are R/t No.69, 1st Main Road, 2nd Stage, Gowthampuram, Hsilar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 008
And : Nil : Petitioners
: Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named petitioners have filed a petition under section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of succession certificate in the name of Petitioners with respect to shares in NSDL Demat Account with IDBI Bank (NS300450) with Bank Account No.0131058105200, of IDBI Bank Ltd. (IFSC: IBKL0000008), the details of which are furnished in the schedule hereunder, which is in the name of Late Sekar G. who died on 03-06-2016 leaving behind his wife - 1st petitioner, and petitioners 2 & 3 who are his children to succeed to his estate.

Interested parties are hereby directed to appear in this court in person or by the pleader duly instructed on 06-01-2021 at 11.00 a.m. to show cause against the petitioners failing which the case will be heard and determined exparte.

SCHEDULE

1. Details of shares pertaining to Demat Account:
Sl.No. Client ID: Name Market Value
1. 10193387 pertaining to NSDL Demat Account in IDBI Bank Ltd.(IN30045) G.Sekar
Link bank account 0131058105200 of IDBI Bank (IFSC: IBKL0000008)

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this the 14th day of December 2020, Bengaluru City, Advocate for senior: **R.Vickramaditan**
Advocate, Flat No.102, 943, 3rd Main, C-Block, AECIS Layout, Kundalahalli, Bengaluru-560 037.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

ONCE A NEW TECHNOLOGY ROLLS OVER YOU, IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE STEAMROLLER, YOU'RE PART OF THE ROAD STEWART BRAND

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client **Smt. Asma Razkha, W/o Syed Hiral Zahir**, aged about 64 years, R/t: No. GF-1, The Lotus Krian No.8, 3rd Cross, Manorayanapalya, Bengaluru North, RT Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, she has lost her original registered sale deed vide registered document No. 1042/1993, dated: 20.04.1993, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, in respect of property bearing Plot No.1062, formed in Sy No.761/2.

In this regard my client has also preferred a police complaint on 14.12.2020 before the Inspector of Police, Anekal Police station and the police taken complaint on file on 14.12.2020 in C-Miss No. 2192020, that my client has not created any charge over the properties covered under the above said document. If found, the document may kindly be delivered to the undermentioned address, any objection from the concerned public will not be entertained or bind my client after 7 days from the date of this public notice.

VIKRAM H.M. Advocate

No.7, 1st Floor, STB Complex, Near Civil Court, Attibele Road, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District. Ph: 9880462590.

झारखंड सरकार ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0)
मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची ई- अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या:-165/RJ/2020/RDD(RWA)/DALTONGANJ दिनांक- 15.12.2020
मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0), झारखंड, रांची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र0 सं0	आईडेंट्री फिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)	अंक में	आहार में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि	टेण्डर कोल न0
1.	RDD(RWA)/ DALTONGANJ /12/ 2019-20	बारी मॉड से रजदेरवा एनएएच-75 भाग विक्रम रनॉ के घर बारी गल तक पथ का सुदुरीकरण कार्य (लम्बाई- 4 .100 कि०मी०)	1,37,66,585.00		एक करोड़ सैंतीस लाख चिरारो हजार पैंच सौ पचासी रु० मात्र	09 माह	द्वितीय

- वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 23.12.2020
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 31.12.2020 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
- जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, रांची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- 04.01.2021 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 05.01.2021 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0), झारखंड, रांची, 102 द्वितीय तल्ला अभियंत्रण भवन, रांची।
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0:- 0651-2207818
- निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0 का0 मामले), कार्य प्रमंडल, डालटनगंज के पक्ष में एवं डालटनगंज में भुगतने होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

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नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्युर्मन्ट सेल

PR 237522 Rural Work Department(20-21)D

झारखंड सरकार ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0)
मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची ई- अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या:-116/RJ/2020-21/RDD(RWA)/RAMGARH दिनांक :- 15.12.2020
मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0), झारखंड, रांची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र0 सं0	आईडेंट्री फिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)	अंक में	आहार में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि	टेण्डर कोल न0
1.	RDD(RWA)/ RAMGARH/06/ 2019-20	सारी बुद्धाजार से बड़कीपोना रेलवे गेट भाग विष्णुटोल सिद्धाचरिहा तक पथ का सुदुरीकरण कार्य (लम्बाई- 5.800 कि०मी०)	1,30,50,978.00		एक करोड़ तीस लाख पचास हजार नी सौ अठ्ठास रु० मात्र	09 माह	तृतीय

- वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 21.12.2020
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 29.12.2020 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
- जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, रांची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- 30.12.2020 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 31.12.2020 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0 का0 मामले), झारखंड, रांची, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, रांची।
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0:- 0651-2207818
- निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0 का0 मामले), कार्य प्रमंडल, रामगढ़ के पक्ष में एवं रामगढ़ में भुगतने होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

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नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्युर्मन्ट सेल

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झारखंड सरकार ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0) मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची

ई- अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या:- 137/RJ/2020-21/RDD(RWA)/BOKARO दिनांक :- 15.12.2020

मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0), झारखंड, रांची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र0 सं0	आईडेंट्री फिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रुपये में)	अंक में	आहार में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि	टेण्डर कोल न0
1.	RDD(RWA)/ BOKARO/10/ 2019-20	हटिया मॉड से कुल्हेरी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं- 8.190 कि०मी०)	5,59,24,594.00		पैंच करोड़ उनसठ लाख चौबीस हजार पैंच सौ चौरास रु० मात्र	18 माह	द्वितीय
2.	RDD(RWA)/ BOKARO/13/ 2019-20	अम्बालोला, बोकारो-तेनु नहर पुल से चापौजोरा बंध भाग जमुनियादाह तक पथ का सुदुरीकरण कार्य (लं- 5.700 कि०मी०)	1,74,49,154.00		एक करोड़ बीसहजार लाख उनसठ हजार एक सौ चौवन रु० मात्र	12 माह	द्वितीय

- वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:- 22.12.2020
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- 30.12.2020 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।
- जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, रांची में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि:- 31.12.2020 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- 04.01.2020 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता:- मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0का0मा0), झारखंड, रांची, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, रांची।
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0:- 0651-2207818
- निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक / अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम / अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्रा0 का0 मामले), कार्य प्रमंडल, बोकारो के पक्ष में एवं बोकारो में भुगतने होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

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नोडल पदाधिकारी ई-प्रोक्युर्मन्ट सेल

PR 237506 (Rural Work Department)20-21'D

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
Fraser Town Branch No. 86/3, Coles Road, Fraser Town Bangalore-560 005.
Phone No.080-25554842, 9483530407, E-mail: cb0407@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

ANNEXURE - 13
(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, Fraser Town Branch, Bangalore, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 02.01.2021, for recovery of Rs.3,40,81,158.66 (Rupees Three crore Fortys lakhs eighty One thousand One hundred Fifty Eight and paisa Sixty Six only) with further interest and other incidental expenses/costs from 01.12.2020, due to the Canara Bank, Fraser Town Branch, Bangalore, from M/s Vivek Enterprises, No. 152, Wheeler Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore 560005. 2. Shri R K Dutta, Managing Partner, M/s Vivek Enterprises, 152, Wheeler Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore - 560005. 3. Smt Vijaya Dutta, Partner, M/s Vivek Enterprises, No. 7, Sundar Murthy Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore - 560005. 4. Bindesh Dutt, Partner M/s Vivek Enterprises, No. 7, 303, Ashoka Enclave, Netaji Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore 560005. 5. Shri Vikram Dutt, Partner M/s. Vivek Enterprises, No. 7, Sundara Murthy Road, Cox Town, Bangalore 560005

The Reserve price will be For Property Rs. 1,92,56,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Two Lakhs Fifty Six Thousand only) EMD - Rs.19,25,600/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Six Hundred only) The earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before 02.01.2021 up to 5.00 P M

Details of property: Description of the Immovable property (Schedule Property) All that piece and parcel of land and building standing thereon together with fittings and fixtures of and every description therein, bearing Corporation Old No. 4 and New No.70, situated in Central street, Civil Station, Bangalore, measuring on the East 11 feet and 7 inches or 3.52 meters, West 12 feet or 3.65 meters, North 55 feet and 9 inches or 16.99 meters and South 55 feet and 9 inches or 16.99 meters comprising a total area of 60.98 square meters and built area of 48.54 square meters - East : By: Property Belonging to Sri Srinivasan West by : Central Street North by : Property Belonging to Sri Srinivasan South by : Property bearing corporation No 71.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website Website: (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Manager, Canara Bank, Fraser Town Branch # 86/3, Coles Road, Fraser Town Bangalore-560 005. Tel:080-25554842 M-9483530407 email: cb0407@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day

Place: Bengaluru Date: 14.12.2020 Sd/- Authorised officer Canara Bank

Govt. of Jharkhand Energy Department Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)
3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165,
E-mail: info@jreda.com; Website: www.jreda.com

e-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No.: 15/JREDA/DDG/SPV/20-21 Dated: 14.12.2020

1	Name of the work	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Rural Electrification Works of 07 Villages in districts of Sahibganj, Hazaribagh & Chatra districts in Jharkhand through Solar Photovoltaic Power Plants (Mini/Micro Off-grid) with distribution network & connection to households including Generator along with 5 years Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) on Turnkey basis.
2	Estimated cost (Rs.)	1669.9985 Lakh
3	Period of contract	12 (Twelve) Months
4	Time of completion	03 (Three) Months
5	Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in	21.12.2020 (Monday)
6	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	07.01.2020 (Thursday) at 1.00 P.M.
7	Last date & time for receipt of online bids	11.01.2021 (Monday) upto 05:00 PM
8	Submission of original copies of Bid fee & EMD (Offline)	11.01.2021 and 12.01.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.
9	Technical Bid Opening Date	13.01.2021 (Wednesday) at 4.00 P.M.
10	Name & address of office inviting tender	Director, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency(JREDA) 3 rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Doranda, Ranchi-834002 (Jharkhand)
11	Contact no. of procurement officer	0651-2491163/61
13	Helpline no. of e-procurement	0651-2491163/61

Any corrigendum/addendum can be seen on website: <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> & www.jreda.com. Further details can be seen on website: <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> & www.jreda.com Sd/- Director JREDA, Ranchi

PR 237517 Energy (20-21)_D

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

BENGALURU

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s. Antares Systems Ltd.** through the website <https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com>.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s)	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount	1) Last date of deposit of EMD & KYC documents 2) EMD A/c no. 3) IFSC code 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1)	1) Borrower : Sri Vasudeva D S, S/o Siddappa No. D54, 1st Cross, MICO Layout, Mahalakshimpuram, Bangalore-560086 Guarantor : 1) Shri Muniraju K No. 2231/1 D Block, Near Water Tank, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore - 560034. 2) Sri Narayan Ramesh Reddy No.84/1, R V Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. 2) Canara Bank - Hebbal Branch. Ph.No.080-23333130.	1) Rs.80,49,408.00 plus further interest & charges 2) Reserve Price For Flat No.103-S, 1st Floor Rs.65,00,000/- EMD : Rs.6,50,000/- Reserve Price For Flat No.514-E, 5th Floor Rs.83,00,000/- EMD : Rs.8,30,000/-	1) 29.12.2020 before 3.30 pm 2) 04252950000001 3) CNRB00000425 4) Rs.1,00,000/-	1. 30.12.2020 2. 11.00 am to 12.00 Noon 3. 29.12.2020 before 3.30 p.m.

Kolar admin keen to give Wistron more land

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

THE Kolar district administration is keen to consider all the requests of Wistron Corporation, which manufactures iPhones in its Narasapur plant, to generate more employment for youths here. Wistron Corporation, located on 43 acres under Bellur Gram Panchayat, comes under Narasapura Industrial Area.

According to sources, two months ago, Wistron officials had appealed to the district administration to hand over two tanks near the plant, so they could develop them under Corporate Social Responsibility.

Kolar Deputy Commissioner Satyabhama said the tanks were handed over and Wistron is set to convert the area into an attractive location. She also said that during a recent visit of senior officials to the site,



Kolar Deputy Commissioner Satyabhama says the administration is ready to take measures to provide facilities to the factory in the industrial hub | EXPRESS

Wistron officials had appealed that five acres behind the site be allotted to the plant. The administration is ready to take measures to provide facilities to the factory in the industrial hub, she added.

However, a senior district administration officer told *The New Indian Express*, on condition of anonymity, that Wistron had sought an additional 70 to 90 acres to start a new unit, and a place near

Mindahalli, which comes under Narasapura Industrial Area, was shown to the officials. The company's request for 10 acres along the National Highway is also pending before the administration, he said.

Sources told this paper that on the request of Wistron, the district administration instructed the local panchayat to remove 10 to 12 petty shops located near the plant.

TEAM TO PROBE IF RAMPAGE WAS PLANNED

A team has been formed to investigate whether the Wistron Corporation vandalism was sudden provocation or a planned attack. This has been the question doing the rounds, and a senior police officer told TNIE, on condition of anonymity, that all angles are being probed. The sudden attack on the factory had raised eyebrows, especially the timing -- it took place early on Saturday, when the employee shift changed. Sources said the State government is also keen to find out the exact reason behind the vandalism, and who could be behind it. There is a suspicion of an outside hand in the attack, which caused massive damage to Wistron. Meanwhile, Kolar police are continuing to arrest workers and send them into judicial custody.



Officials inspect a counting centre ahead of poll result day in Thiruvananthapuram

Kerala preps for ULB election results today

Counting to be held in 244 centres

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Thiruvananthapuram

THE results of the local body elections, billed as the 'semifinals' before the assembly polls in May, will be out on Wednesday. The counting of votes will begin at 8 am and the State Election Commission expects all the results to be out by 3 pm.

First to be counted will be the postal votes, including the special postal ballots for Covid patients and those in quarantine and the postal ballots of officials deployed for election duty. The counting of votes in urban bodies will be held in the respective distribution-reception centres. For the three-tier local bodies, the counting of votes will be held at the block level.

Counting will be held in 244 centres across the state. SEC V Bhaskaran said the total number of postal ballots will be around 25-50 in a booth.

Three fronts confident

LDF convener A Vijayagharavan said the increased voter turnout, despite the pandemic, would prove to be beneficial to the CPM-led front. He said the UDF will suffer a drubbing due to its policy of pandering to communal outfits.

UDF convener M M Hassan said the Congress-led front would register big gains in majority of the districts. He said the results would deal a body blow to CPM Pinarayi Vijayan's overconfident attitude.

BJP state president K Surendran claimed the NDA would see a three-fold increase in the number of local body seats compared to last time. He said the party will win the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation and become the single largest party in at least 100 panchayats.



ROW CONTINUES

Amaravati Parirakshana Samithi takes out a massive rally against the three-capital formula in Vijayawada on Tuesday | P RAVINDRA BABU

'Govt must subsidise healthy food prices'

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"THOSE in the non-breastfed group require four meals. But many children are not given healthy foods, like grains, dairy products or even fresh food. Parents think that it is not required and opt for packaged baby food products that are not nutritious," said Dr Sylvia Karpagam. She said that many parents tend not to give animal food to children, thinking that they cannot eat since they are young. "Animal food is essential as it has enough nutritional factors. The meals supplied by the government does not include eggs, which hold great nutritional value."

Dr Shaibya Saldanha, a consultant gynaecologist obstetrician, said the cost of living and lack of education are the factors that are preventing children from getting adequate diet. "The cost of nutritional food, such as meat, fish, eggs, milk, fruits and vegetables, has increased. Also, the other reason is that working women are not getting enough time to cook nutritious food."

She said the government should subsidise the prices of nutritional foods and provide a storage system to stock fruits and vegetables that are otherwise thrown away in markets as these can be consumed by children from poor families.

The city also saw a rise in the percentage of children in the 6-59 month age group being anaemic from 51.7 per cent in NHFS4 to 58.9 per cent now. Even the number of children under five years who are stunted has increased from 28.1 per cent to 31.3 per cent and children under five years who are underweight from 26.8 per cent to 28.1 per cent. Breastfeeding children in the 6-23 month group receiving an adequate diet is down to 4.8 per cent from 13.9 per cent in NHFS4. But in many other aspects, Bengaluru has fared well, like in antenatal checkups in trimester where it has achieved 75.3 per cent as against 51.4 per cent earlier. Even in child vaccinations and Vitamin A supplementation, its results range between 65 and 95.4 per cent.

EXPRESS READ

5, including 4 kids mowed down by van

Kurnool: Five people, including four children, were mowed down by a speeding van at Yerraguntla village on the Kurnool-Chennai NH on Tuesday. Police said the accident occurred while a group of 35-40 people were going to sing carols at the village adjacent to the highway as part of pre-Christmas celebrations. After the accident, the van driver sped away. Locals chased and intercepted the van at a village, which is a few kilometres away from the spot. They caught hold of the van driver and handed him over to the police.

Centre's law should prevail over the state: K'taka HC

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THE single judge had upheld the notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs under the Citizenship Act on January 5, 2009 allowing OCI cardholders to appear in All-India Pre-Medical Test or any other test. The judge held that the law of the Centre should prevail over that of the State.

The Bench directed KEA to allow the petitioners to participate in the ensuing counselling session for CET-2020 or subsequent years for selection and allotment of seats in BE/B Tech/B



Arch or other professional courses in government colleges, private aided/unaided colleges/educational institutions for the academic year 2019-20 on the basis of their merit and ranking in CET.

On MBBS/BDS courses, the Bench said NEET scheme should apply for 2019-20 as well as 2020-21, and issued directions to the State and KEA to permit the petitioners and other OCI cardholders to participate in the counselling session. The directions should be brought into effect without any delay, the Bench told the State government and KEA.

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SEVERAL observations and rulings of the court went against the government, ruffling the feathers of its supporters. The most controversial of them was the gag order on media issued in a case pertaining to the Amaravati land scam by a bench headed by Chief Justice Maheshwari.

The bench had gagged the media from reporting on the contents of an FIR registered by the ACB against former advocate general Dammalapati Srinivas



and 12 others, including daughters of senior Supreme Court judge Justice N V Ramana, in the alleged land scam and also stayed further probe. The interim gag order was subsequently stayed by the SC but it proved to be the proverbial last straw for the government.

Following the gag order, Andhra CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy shot off a letter to Chief Justice of India S A Bobde accusing Justice Ramana of influencing the sittings of the AP High Court, including the roster of a few judges, to protect opposition TDP leaders.

S Muralidhar to be Odisha chief justice

Punjab and Haryana HC judge S Muralidhar is expected to be promoted as the Chief Justice of the Odisha High Court. He will take charge from Chief Justice Mohammad Rafiq

In another significant judgment, a bench headed by Chief Justice Maheshwari had struck down an ordinance promulgated by the government amending the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act 1994 to curtail the tenure, eli-

gibility and method of appointment of the SEC after the latter deferred local polls earlier this year. The Supreme Court upheld the verdict following an appeal by the government. The AP High Court has 18 judges besides the Chief Justice.

Justice Arup Kumar Goswami, who replaces Chief Justice Maheshwari, was appointed CJ of the Sikkim.

Justice Hima Kohli, who will be the Telangana Chief Justice, graduated from the University of Delhi in 1984 and took oath as permanent judge in the Delhi High Court in 2007.

Karnataka HC quashes petitions by firms, people on ED action

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IN a setback to several firms and people facing proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, the High Court dismissed a batch of petitions filed against proceedings initiated by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED).

Justice Aravind Kumar dismissed the petitions by JSW Steel Limited, Devas Multimedia Private Limited, real estate firms and an aide of former minister Katta Subramanya Naidu.

"The PML Act would indicate that same was brought to ensure that proceeds of crime are attached, and offenders who participate and assist in the commission of crime do not enjoy benefits of the property which is related to the crime. The PML Act envisages attachment of all properties involved in money laundering..." Justice Aravind Kumar said, dismissing the petitions.

The petitions were filed between 2013 and 2018, questioning the ED's proceedings under the Prevention



of Money Laundering Act, 2002. Among several petitions, 13 questioned provisional attachment order by ED, five were on information sought from institutions or banks, two against confirmation

order, and constitutional validity of certain sections of the Act.

JSW Steel Limited moved court seeking to quash the provisional attachment order passed by ED on March 27, 2015, a complaint dated April 21, 2015, and notice on April 27, 2015. It also challenged the provisional attachment order dated March 30, 2016, passed by the ED. Similarly, Devas Multimedia Private Limited challenged the provisional attachment order passed by ED, subsequent to amending the PML

Act of 2013, in 2017.

C Mahadesh ak Avva Mahadesh from Mysuru, who is in jail on charges of murder, challenged the attachment of his properties. M Gopi, a close associate of former minister Katta Subramanya Naidu, challenged the notice issued by the ED in 2013. V Bhaskar, accused in a Lokayukta case of extorting government officials, sought quashing of possession/eviction notice dated June 20, 2018, issued by ED to take possession of attached properties.

MAIL AND MORE

You can pay power, gas, water bills at select post offices across state

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IN over 800 post offices across the state, you can pay electricity, gas and water bills, renew life insurance and general insurance policies, pay EMIs and submit online application forms for loans from now on. After a three-month trial run, the Postal Department on Tuesday launched Jan Sewa Kendras (PO-JSK) at over 10,000 post offices across the country, including 851 in the state. India Post signed an MoU with the Common Services Centre, a special purpose vehicle of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to set up the Kendras.

Chief Postmaster General,

2 staffers get awarded
Sharda Sampath, Chief Post Master General, Karnataka Circle, conferred the Meghdoot Awards 2020 to two employees -- mail service driver R Balakrishna and Senior Superintendent of Post offices, Bengaluru East Division, B S Chandrashekhara.

Karnataka Circle, Sharda Sampath said, "Around 50 per cent of post offices in Karnataka have got Jan Sewa Kendras. Of them, 345 are in North Karnataka, 386 in South Karnataka and 120 in Bengaluru region."

The Kendras also offer government to citizen services (G2C) that include Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi Yojana, Pradhan

Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, National Pension Scheme, Pan Card, e-stamping services and Jeevan Pramaan Patra (digital life certificate) through an app.

Among numerous innovative services is the 'Dak Nirayath Kendra', which aims to provide traditional artisans an opportunity to despatch their products at better prices, Sharda said. Elaborating, V Tara, Assistant Post Master Gen, Business Development, Karnataka Circle, said, "The service is being launched under a tie-up with the State Government at Bidar, Hubballi, Channarayana, Mysuru and Shivamogga. The role of middlemen will be eliminated and the artisans will get actual value for their products."

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU / TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
TECHNICAL EDUCATION CIRCLE, CHENNAI - 600 025
TENDER FORM : LUMPSUM CONTRACT - TWO COVER SYSTEM - ITEM WISE RATE
TENDER NOTICE No. 15 CE/TEC/2020-21 Dated : 15.12.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Two Cover system sealed Tenders viz., Pre Qualification Bid and Financial Bid in separate covers both inserted in single cover will be received upto 3.00 p.m on 20.12.2021 from the TNPWD Registered Contractors by the Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education Circle, Chennai - 25, for the following work and Pre-qualification Bid will be opened on the same day at 3.30 P.M.

Name of work (1) : Construction of City Complex Building for Vocational Education Evening college centre for weekend programme, DD&CE with study centre and Central valuation Hub at Keelakurathur village Seelavaperi road of Maromaranam Sundararam University at Tirunelveli, Approx value of work: Rs. in lakhs : 515.00 Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 287500/-

Name of work (2) : Renovation of Heritage Buildings in Institute in Dr. Radhakrishnan Block and Humanities Block of Advanced study in Education (ASE) campus, Saidapet, Chennai 15. Approx value of work: Rs. in lakhs : 555.00 Earnest Money Deposit: Rs. 287500/-

Period of Completion : 15 Months (for each work)

Contractor Class : Above 75 lakhs. Last date for receipt of tenders upto 3.00 P.M. on 20.12.2021. Date of opening of tender at 3.30 P.M. on the same day. Date of availability of tender document 17.12.2020 to 19.01.2021 in CE Office. The cost of tender schedule Rs. 15000 + GST 1800/- . Tender documents & other details are download in www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost. Any other details can be had from the office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education circle, Chennai - 25 during working hours. EMD in favour of Executive Engineer, Technical Education Division (SI No. 1) Tirunelveli, (SI No. 2) Chennai. If the date of receipt of tenders happens to be a holiday the tender will be received on the next working day. DPR/4678/Tender/2020 Chief Engineer, PWD, Technical Education Circle, Chennai - 25.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PWD/ WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
LUMPSUM CONTRACT (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
NIT No : 3 SE/Spl. Project Circle, Palani/2020- 2021/Dt:15.12.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders are invited from the Qualified Contractors (Registered as a SSI unit in Government of Tamilnadu) for the following work by the undersigned up to 3.00 PM on 05.01.2021 and the Prequalification application will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day.

Name of work : Renewal and Reconditioning of damaged Components of Spillway Radial Shutters of Kodaganar Dam in Alagapuri Village of Vedasandur Taluk in Dindigul District.

Approximate Value of work including GST : Rs. 690.00 Lakhs

EMD : Rs. 3,55,000

Cost of Tender schedule +GST : Rs. 15000 + GST

Period of Completion (including rainy season) : 6 Months

Cost of Schedule and EMD to be remitted in favour of : The Executive Engineer, PWD., WRD., Nanganijar Basin Division, Palani, Dindigul District.

1. Last date of receipt of requisition for tender documents 04.01.2021 up to 5.45 P.m
2. Details of Pre-Qualification applications, price tender schedule and conditions are available in the website at free of cost 1) <http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in> 2) <http://www.intenders.gov.in>

Superintending Engineer, PWD., WRD., Special Project Circle, Palani

DPR/4681/Tender/2020



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— Ramnath Goenka



The effectiveness of the upcoming vaccination campaign will depend on its universality. To ensure its availability to all people on the planet almost at the same time, it has to be free from ownership and commercial interest

Muhammad Yunus

OLA'S AMBITIOUS INITIATIVE IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE SECTOR

It is commendable that Ola, originally a ride-hailing app aggregator, has chosen to diversify into the manufacture of electric scooters. The company has just announced plans to set up a ₹2,400 crore plant in Hosur, Tamil Nadu with a capacity to produce 2 million e-scooters. In a market overwhelmingly dominated by fossil fuel-guzzling combustion engines, it is indeed a brave move. However, electric vehicles (EVs) are the way of the future as Elon Musk's entrepreneurship with Tesla Motors in the US has shown. As fossil fuel reserves dry up and green concerns about pollution rise, it is only a matter of time before people begin to shift.

It is estimated that by 2027, the size of the global electric vehicle industry will touch \$803 billion. The Indian consumer though, research shows, is still quite skeptical about EVs. A recent cost analysis done by the firm Kearney has revealed that the total ownership cost (TCO) of EVs—including the cost of acquisition, running and maintenance—is way above gasoline vehicles, and is the biggest deterrent. The lack of infrastructure such as sufficient number of charging stations too is a disincentive. This is reflected in sales numbers. FY2020 saw sales of just 1.56 lakh EV units, a small fraction of the around 30 lakh passenger vehicles and over 170 lakh regular gas-guzzling two-wheelers sold.

While Ola has put its money where its mouth is, the same cannot be said about the Union and state governments. The Centre had announced with much fanfare a road map to make India a 100% electric vehicle nation. This is unlikely to be achieved as, on the ground, tacit support for the traditional auto companies continues. EVs will only become popular if they are cost effective and backed up by infrastructure. We are still waiting for incentives like waiver of road tax and registration charges. TERI has recommended that a good start would be to popularise electric mass transport—buses and taxis—as a first step. The least the government can do is to take this up on a war-footing.

COMBATING SCOURGE OF MALNUTRITION IN INDIA

The latest round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) has presented a grim picture of India's social development reality. Our little ones continue to be wasted, stunted and underweight. The share of children under five in the three categories has witnessed a rise across the states and Union territories even as the country sets its sights on a \$5 trillion economy. The first phase survey of the NFHS-5 comprises 22 states and Union territories. The poor state of nutrition security of the children is stark.

Let's start with the South. Four states feature in NFHS-5 but barring Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, the remaining two, Kerala and Telangana, have reported a rise in the percentage of children under five found stunted, wasted and underweight. Andhra Pradesh, which shows a marginal improvement in nutrition indices, reports a rise in severely wasted children. Across the West coast, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Goa register a similar trend. Gujarat's story of children facing malnutrition shows little change. Maharashtra presents an almost identical picture, if not worse. The small state of Goa now has more percentage of stunted and underweight children. The Northeast region continues to be a cause for grave concern. Except for Sikkim and Meghalaya to some extent, the NFHS-5 flags the rest of the sister states for severe acute malnutrition. In Tripura, the stunted children share has jumped from 24.3% (in NFHS-4) to 32.3% now. Underweight children now account for 25.6% of the state's under-five population. Nagaland presents an equally scary scenario. Over 32% of its under-five children are stunted, up from 28.6% in the last round of the survey. The underweight kids' share has grown from 16.7% to 26.9%. Assam's wasted, severely-wasted and underweight children percentage stands bigger now. The five UTs have a similar tale to tell. If all this is not bad enough, more and more children are found to be suffering from anaemia.

There is definitely something worryingly wrong with how India is approaching its social development goals. Having failed to free our children from the vicious circle of malnutrition over the last seven decades, we have let generations of kids down.

With vaccines getting ready for emergency use, one big hurdle has been crossed. But the war is far from over. A single misstep could cost thousands of lives

COVID VACCINES: THE COMPLEX TASK AHEAD

PROSENIT DATTA



Senior business journalist

Researchers around the world have worked together in an unprecedented fashion to develop vaccines and find potential cures for Covid quickly. A few vaccines have been approved in some countries for emergency use and many other promising candidates are in the pipeline.

The process of developing, testing and approving a vaccine or drug normally takes anywhere between four to 10 years. The search for a solution to the pandemic has compressed this timeline dramatically.

In India, three vaccine manufacturers—Pfizer, Serum Institute (for the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine) and Bharat Biotech (for a vaccine it has developed indigenously with ICMR)—have applied to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for emergency use approval so far. Of these, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine has already been approved for emergency use in the US, UK and Canada. The Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine hopes to get approval from the UK drug regulatory authority soon.

While it may look as if the most difficult hurdle—the development of an effective vaccine—is now over, the road ahead is equally challenging. The Indian gov-

ernment and the DCGI will have to deal with three complex tasks where a single misstep could cost thousands of lives.

The vaccine approval: As mentioned, three vaccine makers have sought emergency use approval from DCGI and one of them, Pfizer, has already secured similar approvals from several countries with very stringent regulators.

While this is encouraging, an emergency use approval means exactly that—a drug/vaccine that has been approved for emergencies but not cleared as a standard treatment.

There is a reason why drugs and vaccines take so long to get approval. Rigorous clinical trials with large groups are conducted over years to test for efficacy and safety. While all the drugs applying for approval with DCGI have conducted/are conducting phase three trials, there is a lot that we do not know yet.

For example, why a few people administered with the Pfizer vaccine get serious side effects—including an anaphylactic shock—is still not clear. Nor is it certain how long the vaccine protection lasts. Most regulators therefore have approved these for emergency use while also mandating post-

approval trials and monitoring.

Pfizer has committed to post-approval studies in other countries. These include additional randomised clinical trials, special population studies, and further safety and efficacy testing. If all goes well, it may get approval as a standard vaccine two or three years down the line.

The DCGI needs to make its own decisions. A 2019 regulation allows it to give accelerated approval on the basis of little initial data. But given the high stakes, it needs to give these clearances after demanding post-approval trials and monitoring.

The question is, will it do so transparently and on the basis of proper data? Earlier, the DCGI has drawn flak for approving Biocon's itolizumab and Glenmark Pharmaceuticals's favipiravir for emergency use in Covid cases



There are still too many things not known. When a booster shot will be necessary is unclear. Some side effects and/or drug interactions may show up after some time and monitoring of crores of vaccinated people is not easy

AMT BAIKRE

without seeking enough data. But these drugs were meant for only a small subsection of patients and at the discretion of the physician. The risks in the vaccine approval are far higher given that almost the entire population will get it eventually.

The vaccination programme: The government has announced it will use the election machinery and the existing cold chain to roll it out. It will administer 60 crore vaccine doses within six to eight months to 2 crore frontline workers, 1 crore healthcare workers and 27 crore people who fall in the prioritised age group that is over 50 years of age, along with those under 50 but with comorbidities.

This is a complex task. The existing cold chain is unevenly distributed. Some states have adequate facilities while others—such as UP, Bihar and Jharkhand—do not have anywhere near enough. Even after enlisting the private sector, the target is ambitious. Each person needs two doses of vaccine at a fixed interval for any degree of protection. In trials, the vaccine has been shown to protect 95% of the volunteers if the doses were administered properly. Whether that will hold true in field conditions is unclear. Moreover, the period for which a per-

son will be protected after two doses is not known. Will they need booster shots in three months or six months? Finally, ensuring that a person does not suffer from allergies and will not show adverse effects immediately after vaccination in field conditions adds to the problems. Frontline workers (2 crore) and healthcare workers (1 crore) may be easy to vaccinate. But it is the other 27 crore spread far and wide that will prove a challenge.

Post-vaccination monitoring: There are still too many things not known. When the booster shot will be necessary is not clear. Some side effects and/or drug interactions may show up after some time. Precautions for non-vaccinated people living with vaccinated ones also need to be communicated. Monitoring crores of vaccinated people is not easy. Moreover, monitoring protocols are important. Will these be through self-reporting on a digital app or done in a healthcare setting where the person checks in periodically? Given that vaccination of the 50-plus age group is a priority, these are important questions.

One big hurdle has been crossed. But the war is far from over. (prosaicview@gmail.com)

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GOD'S OWN LAND

MADHUSHUDHANAN KALAICHELVAN



Architect, serves on the govt-instituted panel for conservation of temples in TN

Our ancestors built beautiful abodes for our Gods and celebrated the Almighty enshrined in the temples by selflessly contributing material wealth. Over centuries, the temples have been the beneficiaries of generous offerings, and temple activities flourished through endowments created by devotees ranging from kings and noblemen to common folks, who donated not only cash, gold and ornaments but also land. There are many inscriptions that record land grants to temples. At some point, they accumulated so much land, both agricultural and non-agricultural, in close vicinity and far-off, that eventually the temple administration had to appoint officers to take care of the land and their yield. In addition, to manage, maintain and ensure revenue generation from the land, the temple administration had to establish norms and systems that in many ways seem to be not so different from the present-day scenario.

Encroachment of land appears to be an offence since time immemorial. History tells us that even in those days, temple properties had to be protected from encroachers, rent defaulters had to be han-

dled, and the temple's ownership rights had to be legally fought for if needed. Several inscriptions in the temples of Tamil Nadu elaborate such scenarios and also document the ways they were dealt with. Let us take a look at a few.

Once a survival trait, land-grabbing gradually spread with every human civilisation, and man eventually became opportunistic. The offender is to be punished, but what if a buyer who is unaware of the ownership is eventually living there? Is he to be treated as an offender too? Will there be a compensation for him if he is asked to vacate the land? Well, a case documented in 1203 CE at the Tiruvannamalai temple during the reign of Kulottunga Chola III elaborates on such an instance. The temple administration decided to sell some plots of land in their Tirumadavilagam. To their surprise, they found the land encroached upon by settlers who had paid for it to some unscrupulous person. The temple administration investigated and considered the occupants not guilty and even promised to pay them half the share of the land sales. The re-

maining half alone was deposited in the temple coffers. If the encroachers did not agree to this, they had to forfeit the ownership and were to be fined double. This is an incident quite rare wherein the verdict was reached on humanitarian grounds rather than a tight-fisted authoritarian one.

Institutions providing accommodation to the employees during their period of service is not a new concept either. Royal officials, temple servants, noblemen, priests and several others seem to have enjoyed such privileges. However, the privileges were terminated when they retired from service and the individuals could not own the rights to the property and as an extension, could not mortgage, sell or sublease the property. A 1228 CE inscription from the Sthanumalayan Temple, Suchendram, lists out the norms for employees

to be bestowed with such privileges. The inscription identifies Brahmadeyams (residential colonies for the Brahmins), mutts and agricultural lands distributed under various capacities to its employees. It elaborates that the beneficiary can enjoy the produce from the fields and stay in the residence allotted. But selling, leasing or mortgaging the land or property shall lead to a fine of 12 *kalanju* and 5 *kaanam* of gold.

There is yet another interesting case of how even the local administration was found guilty of unauthorised occupancy of temple lands. An early Chola inscription from Tirukkolikadu states that the village assembly of Marayamangalam had occupied temple lands for a period of 35 years. Following a petition for enquiry to the king, a royal officer investigated the issue and fined the assembly a penalty of 400 *kaasu* as opposed to the 200 *kaasu* that is usually levied. Apart from returning the land, the assembly also paid the entire penalty due to the state for unauthorised occupancy (No. 139, Annual Reports on Epigraphy, 1935-36).

Civil disputes such as land ownership issues among the public can run for years and even eternity at the court of laws. One such case between two settlements adjoining Tiruverumbur (near Tiruchy) ended in an interesting climax, and is documented in the

Tiruverumbur temple. Fields on the Kaveri banks would often get flooded and the fences washed away. On one such occasion, Srikantha Chathurvedi Mangalam and the Ur of Tiruverumbur fought a legal battle over the rights of a piece of land. As the case dragged on, the local chieftain came up with an innovative solution that benefited both the parties. He bought the ownership of the disputed land from the two parties, paying the price that was satisfactory to both. In turn he offered the ownership to the Lord at the temple of Tiruverumbur and created an endowment wherein the revenue from the land offered to the deity was to be used to remunerate the temple musicians.

This is indeed a rare case of how a land dispute was resolved to the utmost satisfaction of both the parties. By endowing it to the temple and ensuring a *dharmaic* activity from the land yield, this philanthropic chieftain found a place for himself in the history of the Tiruverumbur temple.

Misappropriation of temple lands is a persistent issue even in the present day, one that governing authorities still struggle to tackle. They could probably take a leaf out of the lessons from the past that are etched in our temple inscriptions, think out of the box and come up with innovative ideas to reclaim encroached property.

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Govt's delay tactics

This is with reference to *No retrograde step*, assures Rajnath Singh (Dec 15). Unfortunately, due to the government's delay tactics, the farmers' agitation is getting dragged out. But cracks are visible within the farmers' unions too. It is time for the ruling dispensation to come out with pragmatic remedial measures.

CGhanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Protests hijacked

Chinks have begun to appear among the protesting farmers' unions. The agitation is already around 20 days old despite consultations initiated by the Centre and its clarifications. The protests have been hijacked by vested interests and separatist groups working against the country that are instigating the farmers.

KV Raghuram, Wayanad

No solid proof

If the Centre really feels that some vested interests have hijacked the agitation, it should have first identified such anti-national elements and taken action against them before inviting the farmers for talks. But the Union agriculture minister is again saying that the government is ready to discuss the laws threadbare with farmers. It is thus apparent that the allegations regarding the so-called vested interests are conjectures without any solid proof.

Sudhakar Cherukunnu, Kannur

Farmers being misled

The farmers are being misled by unscrupulous middlemen and politicians who have no intention of finding a solution. How many days more will the protest continue and to what end?

ES Chandrasekaran, Srirangam

Playing to the gallery

This is with reference to the editorial *Modi tugging at Tamil heartstrings* (Dec 15). Come election time, Indian politicians would go to any extent to woo the electorate.

PG Menon, Chennai

Damage to Make in India

The violence at the Wistron factory in Kolar is unfortunate, especially in these uncertain days when unemployment is raising its head. The damage is not just to the factory but to the slogan "Make in India" that our PM is stressing on. If this continues to happen, there is no way India can compete with China. A thorough investigation is needed. Karnataka has to act fast, especially in light of Ola setting up the world's largest scooter plant in nearby Hosur in Tamil Nadu.

Gopal M S, email

An eminent scientist

Professor Roddam Narasimha, a former director of the National Aerospace Laboratories and a Padma Vibhushan awardee, has passed away. The eminent scientist contributed a lot to our aerospace industry. His death is a great loss to the scientific world.

MS R Rao, Bengaluru

Caste survey welcome

The Tamil Nadu government's decision to establish a commission for a caste survey is a good idea. There is a social and legal necessity for such a survey because it would help the state retain 69% total reservation. Socio-economic data should also be collected for the sake of comprehensive assessment of backwardness.

SA Iniyavan Abdullah, Madurai

Democracy and India

The article *Stop lecturing India about democracy* (Dec 15) is very well written. That V-DEM is trying to claim that Christian countries are better democracies than India, which ticks all the parameters required for a truly secular state, has been brought to light. We are again at the risk of documenting the wrong history that will be passed on to the next generation.

Priya Ganesh, email

Lucidly explained

The writer has lucidly explained how India fulfils all norms required for a true democracy whereas nations like Sweden and Argentina are found wanting. They can't stand near India with its many languages and ethnicities. It seems a molehill is evaluating a mountain.

R Sridharan, Chennai

TWEETS
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I strongly support the nurses. These life-savers deserve a decent wage & working conditions for all the sacrifices they make for us.**Priyanka Chaturvedi** @priyankac19
I have received several messages & calls for support on the issue of INS Virat... Everyone shd come forward to support the request for preserving INS Virat.**Manoj Kumar Jha** @manojkjhadu
See the sample of being 'too much democracy'. The need for the winter session of Parliament was not even taken into consideration.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani meet a group of farmers in Kutch on Tuesday | PTI

Govt is ready 24 hours to clear all doubts over farm laws, says Modi

PM says laws feature all demands made by farmers, even Oppn supported during its govt

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SEEKING to allay the fears of farmers over their landholdings, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while making a strong defence of the Centre's new farm laws, on Tuesday said that a conspiracy is afoot to confuse the farmers over the legislations and accused the Opposition of using the shoulders of protesters to fire their guns.

After performing virtual stone laying ceremonies for three projects in Kutch of Gujarat district — a hybrid renewable energy park, a desalination plant and a milk processing and packing unit — the PM said the laws include all the demands made by the farmers and the Opposition in the past to improve the agricultural incomes of the cultivators.

"There's an attempt being made to create fears in the minds of the farmers about the farm laws. Farmers are being told that their land holdings may be occupied by others," the PM said. While the farmers' unions have dug in their heels to demand the repeal of the three farm laws, the government has maintained that it's willing to talk to the farmers.

"The present agricultural laws had been the demand of farmers since a long time. Even those who are in the Opposition today were supporting these bills earlier when they were in power, but could never take a decision on them and pacified the farmers with false assurances. I want to reiterate that my government is ready 24 hours to resolve all your doubts," Modi said.

He also gave the example of two sectors in Gujarat, which flourished without government intervention. Modi said dairy and fisheries sectors grew exponentially without much intervention of the state government as the business is mainly handled by co-operative sector leaders and farmers.



I am confident that the progressive farmers will defeat those who are doing politics, spreading falsehood and using farmers' shoulders to fire their guns — Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



A protester holds the Tricolour at Ghazipur border in New Delhi | PARVEEN NEGI

FOUR PROTESTERS KILLED IN TWO ROAD ACCIDENTS

CHANDIGARH: Four Punjab farmers returning from protest sites near Delhi borders were killed in two separate road accidents on Tuesday.

In the first incident, two farmers belonging to Patiala were killed in an early morning accident after their tractor-trolley was hit by a truck in Haryana's Karnal district, police said.

In the accident, which took place on Taraori flyover in Karnal, a third farmer was seriously wounded while some others sitting on the trolley escaped with minor injuries. Taraori police station's SHO inspector Sachin said the two deceased were aged around 24 years and 50 years respectively.

He said one of the farmers

travelling in the tractor trolley told police that the truck driver appeared to have fallen asleep behind the wheels which led to the accident. The truck driver managed to flee from the spot, he said. "They belonged to Saphera under Sadar Police station in Patiala," he said.

In another road mishap, two more Punjab farmers died while seven others injured when their vehicle collided with a truck near Bhagamajra in Mohali on Tuesday, officials said. Deceased Deep Singh was a resident of Mohali district while Sukhdev Singh Dadiana was a native of Fatehgarh Sahib district.

Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu met the injured farmers. **ENS**

BJP is real 'tukde tukde gang', splitting nation: Sukhbir

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

RATCHETING up the rhetoric against its former ally, the Shiromani Akali Dal on Tuesday termed BJP as the real "tukde tukde gang" that was "splitting the country into pieces" by setting one community against another in its desperation for power.

Accusing the BJP of "pushing patriotic Punjab into communal flames", SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal said, "The BJP first set the Hindus against the Muslims. Now, it is determined to replay that evil game and re-enact the same tragedy in Punjab. It is conspiring to set our peace-loving Hindu brethren against their Sikh brethren with whom they have shared strong bonds of blood for centuries. The BJP wants to replace those bonds of blood with bloodshed."

Badal further charged the BJP of resorting to "dangerous conspiracies" to sabotage the hard-earned atmosphere of peace and harmony for its petty political goals.

Referring to the farmers' agitation, the SAD leader said, "The whole country except the BJP gratefully acknowledges the debt we owe to our patriotic farmers and soldiers. The BJP is provoking the people to deny that debt. It believes only in emotionally exploiting the farmers' sacrifices but remains so ungrateful to them that it is painting them as anti-national. Today it is the farmers. Nobody knows what the BJP tomorrow might say even about soldiers if it suits that party."

Not consulted: Cong slams junking of winter session

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Tuesday lashed out at the government for its decision against holding Parliament's winter session in view of the Covid-19, saying the "decimation of parliamentary democracy is complete". It also alleged that the opposition parties were not consulted over its move to scrap the winter session.

Accusing Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi of lying, Congress chief whip in the Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh tweeted: "The Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha (Ghulam Nabi Azad) was not consulted. Pralhad Joshi is as usual departing from the truth."

The minister had on Monday said in a letter to Congress party leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury that he had informally contacted floor leaders of various political parties and they had favoured "doing away with winter session".

The Centre said that there will be no winter session and the joint budget session will be

held in January 2021.

Lambasting the decision, Congress's chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said, "Competitive exams can be held during Covid. Schools can be opened, universities can hold exams. Rallies can be held in Bihar-Bengal. But Winter Session of Parliament can't be held. Any semblance of democracy left?"

Meanwhile, Congress MPs from Punjab have been sitting in protest at Jantar Mantar, urging the government to convene Parliament session to repeal the farm laws and discuss the farmers' demands.

AAP lawmaker Bhagwant Mann alleged that the government's decision showed it was running away from discussing the "anti-farmer" agri laws

which had led to the farmers' protest. The Sangrur MP alleged that instead of answering core issues concerning the farmers in Parliament, the government had taken the pretext of the pandemic to not convene the session. The winter session begins in the last week of November or in the first week of December.

Big plans on Netaji's birth anniversary

Culture minister Prahlad Singh Patel said there will be grand celebrations to commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, including a proposal to set up a museum in Kolkata. The rent museum at Red Fort is also likely to be expanded

Boris Johnson accepts India's invite, to be R-Day chief guest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson will be the chief guest at India's Republic Day celebrations this year. Johnson has accepted India's "very generous" invite to be the Republic Day chief guest which is "a great honour", said UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab following his talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday. Raab is on a four-day visit to India.

This will be Johnson's first major bilateral visit since taking office, and underlined his commitment to step up the UK's engagement with the Indo-Pacific region, said Johnson's office.

"I am absolutely delighted to be visiting India next year at the start of an exciting year for Global Britain, and look forward to delivering the quantum leap in our bilateral relationship that Prime Minister Modi and I have pledged to achieve," said Johnson in a statement.

Jaishankar said Johnson's



EAM S Jaishankar and British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab in New Delhi | PTI

presence "would be in a way symbolic of a new era, and a new phase of India-UK ties".

Johnson invited Modi to join the G7 summit which will be hosted by the UK in 2021. "I'm pleased that PM Boris Johnson has invited PM Modi to join the UK-hosted G7 summit next year," said Raab.

Addressing a joint press conference, Jaishankar said there was growing recognition and acceptance of the idea of Indo-Pacific. On the significance of Raab's visit, he said: "The UK Foreign Secretary

comes at a very important time because we are looking at a post-Covid world and also at a post-Brexit world from the perspective of the UK."

Jaishankar and Raab discussed trade, defence, education, environment, health and terrorism.

The focus was on how to take bilateral ties to a higher level during the four-hour-long talks, said Jaishankar. Raab is due to meet Modi on Wednesday to discuss a '10-year roadmap' for the UK-India relationship.

TOUGH TASK

'Journalists in Northeast face extreme threats'

NEW DELHI: Journalists face multiple challenges, including lack of insurance and the threat of violence, while reporting from the conflict areas of Northeastern states, said senior journalists at a webinar organised by the Editors Guild of India on Tuesday.

Sanjoy Hazarika, an activist and a senior journalist, said: "There is an extreme threat of violation and intimidation on journalists like the attack on Patricia Mukhim in the Northeast."

Pradip Phanjoubam, the editor of Imphal Free Press, said: "I think it is wrong for journalists to be blamed for reporting the way they do... I should distinguish between reporters reporting for local papers and a newspaper/TV channel based out of New Delhi. That becomes a hurdle on what is happening in the Northeast."

Award-winning journalist Teresa Rehman spoke of the struggles faced by female reporters. "There is a need for collaboration for media start-ups in the area. We want to tell the world that we are not a museum but a vibrant and living world," she said. **ENS**

Adverse events post-Covid vaccination can't be ruled out: Govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Tuesday underlined the need of a robust adverse effect surveillance system for its Covid-19 vaccination programme, adding that the side effects due to immunisation cannot be ruled out as new vaccines using novel platforms will be used.

At a press briefing, Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said an adverse event after the vaccination for Covid-19 cannot be ruled out and states

and UTs must prepare for these. "Adverse events following immunisation are a critical issue. When we undertake a universal immunisation programme, which has been done for decades, then some adverse effects are seen in children and pregnant women after vaccination," he said.

The health official added that the countries where immunisation has already begun, especially in the UK, adverse events took place on the very first day. "So, states and UTs



Apex court asks Centre to consider granting break to doctors engaged in pandemic duty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to consider granting a break to doctors engaged in Covid-19 duty for the last seven-eight months.

The top court said that continuous work might be affecting mental health of doctors. A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R S Reddy and M R Shah, which is hearing a suo motu case on proper treatment of Covid-19 patients and dignified handling of bodies in hospitals, asked Solicitor General

Tushar Mehta to consider the suggestions of giving the doctors some break.

"For the last seven-eight months doctors have not been given any break and are continuously working. You take instruction and think over giving them some break. It must be very painful and might be affecting their mental health," the bench told Mehta.

The solicitor general assured the bench that the government would consider the suggestion

of the bench to grant some break to health workers engaged in Covid-19 duty.

The top court also expressed shock that the Gujarat government has levied around ₹90 crore fine for not wearing face masks, but has not been able to enforce the guidelines on Covid-19 appropriate behaviour. "At the outset, the bench while referring to the affidavit filed by the Centre said it does not state which hospitals have fire NOCs and it is citing 2016 information. **With PTI inputs**



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Contempt case: Bhushan moves SC, seeks hearing on two pleas

NEW DELHI: Lawyer Prashant Bhushan on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court seeking a direction that his two pleas, in which he has sought review of the orders convicting and sentencing him for contempt of court for his tweets against the judiciary, be heard after adjudication of his petition raising the issue of right to appeal in such matter.

The application has been moved by Bhushan, a day before a three-judge bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar is scheduled to consider in-chamber on Wednesday his

two petitions seeking review of the SC's orders by which he was convicted and sentenced in the contempt case.

In his application, Bhushan said prayers made in the September 12 petition have "a direct bearing" on the review petitions filed by him.

He said despite the application seeking urgent listing was filed on September 14 in the petition, the matter has not been listed before the court "whereas instant and connected review petitions have been listed for hearing on December 16". **PTI**

JEE (Main) registration begins, to be held 4 times

NEW DELHI: The Joint Entrance Examination (Main) will be held four times next year, the National Testing Agency confirmed in the examination brochure released on Tuesday. The registration for the test also began. The brochure said the examination will be held in multiple sessions — February, March, April and May.

"This is being done to ensure the JEE (Main) 2021 does not interfere with Board exams, which may be held at different times across states and UTs," the agency said. The first session will take place from February 22 to 25. Admit cards will be released in the first week of February. The schedule for downloading the admit cards for subsequent sessions will be announced on the NTA website.

Education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal had last week said while the syllabus will remain the same, students may get a choice to answer 75 questions — 25 each in Physics, Chemistry and Maths — out of 90 questions, 30 in each subject. **ENS**

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	12	Mumbai	31	23
Bhopal	23	10	Panaji	34	22
Jaipur	22	7	Patna	23	12
Amritsar	17	1	Lucknow	22	8
Chennai	29	24	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	27	18	Imphal	25	8
Srinagar	5	-7	Chandigarh	22	3

POLL PROMISE

Free Covid vaccine plan gets Bihar cabinet seal

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ Patna

THE BJP's poll promise of free Covid-19 vaccination in Bihar got the seal of approval from the Nitish Kumar government on Tuesday.

The state cabinet, in its first meeting, also cleared a host of other proposals that were part of the NDA's poll promises, including creating 20 lakh jobs in both government and private sectors, extension of Seven Resolve Part-II for next five years, giving a loan up to ₹10 lakh to unemployed youth, introducing Hindi medium in technical education and giving financial support of ₹25,000 to unmarried girls upon passing intermediate (Class XII) examination and ₹50,000 upon graduating.

According to state Health Minister Mangal Pandey, all arrangements are being made on a mission mode for free immunisation once the vaccine is available. These include a mega vaccine storage facility in each of 38 districts and creation of more than 651 cold chain points. In Patna, officials are developing facilities for storage of over 21 lakh vaccine shots.

The BJP's promise of free vaccination before the Assembly election had drawn widespread criticism and was seen as its desperate bid to counter the RJD's poll promise of 10 lakh jobs that appeared to have found resonance with a huge number of electorate.

EXPRESS READ

Cops bust drone module, arrest duo

Chandigarh: The Punjab Police arrested two members of a module using drones for cross-border smuggling of narcotics and weapons through an international network, including Pakistan-based smugglers with links to Khalistani operatives

Mining: Tribals issue warning to officials

Raipur: Tribal inhabitants of Narayanpur district in south Chhattisgarh have given the administration a deadline of December 22 to halt all activities related to the iron ore mining in Aamdai Ghati area, failing which they threatened to re-launch their agitation.

Missed the NRC bus, centenarian dies with unfulfilled wish

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

CHANDRADHAR DAS lived for a century. When he was born, neither there was an independent India nor Pakistan on the world map. The Bengali-majority nation of Bangladesh was still five decades away from its violent inception. When the centenarian died on Tuesday, he belonged to none of the above three countries. Rather, he died virtually stateless.

Declared a "foreigner" by a Foreigners' Tribunal, Chandradhar Das (104) wished to die as an "Indian". According to his family sources, Das had

been unwell for the past few months and was not eating properly. In January 2018 Das was declared a foreigner ex-parte after he failed to appear before the tribunal and sent to the detention centre for illegal immigrants at the Silchar Central Jail in Cachar district. Three months later, however, he walked to freedom after being granted bail.

In his late nineties, Das had

He was frail and bed-ridden for the past few months. He had one last wish; he wanted to die as an Indian

Niyati, daughter of Das

applied for the inclusion of his name in the National Register of Citizens (NRC) based on a refugee registration certificate issued by the Tripura government in 1956 but he was not included in the controversial list. His three children and grandchildren also missed the NRC bus, ostensibly for being the descendants of a declared foreigner.

"His 1956 refugee registration certificate was sent to Tripura government for verification but the report never came," Das's counsel Suman Chowdhury told this newspaper. He said he had filed a peti-



According to the refugee registration certificate, Das was born in Comilla district (now in Bangladesh) | EXPRESS

tion in the tribunal against the ex-parte judgement stating that the centenarian was not given a proper opportunity to prove his citizenship.

"Considering his age, the court had set aside the ex-parte judgement and given him a chance to prove his Indian citizenship," Chowdhury said, adding, "Earlier, an advocate had appeared three/four times before the tribunal on his (Das's) behalf. He said Das could not depose due to ill health. But on the day of hearing of the case, the court had declared him a foreigner ex-parte."

Suvendu to join BJP this week?

Influential TMC MLA likely to switch to saffron camp before Amit Shah's visit on Dec 19

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

TRINAMOL Congress chief Mamata Banerjee's former lieutenant Suvendu Adhikari who quit the state cabinet is likely to join the BJP a day before Union Home Minister Amit Shah's two-day visit later this week.

The disgruntled TMC MLA, also an accused in Narada sting operation case being investigated by the CBI, might visit Delhi on December 18. He is likely to share the stage with Shah in a Midnapore rally on December 19.

Reacting to the buzz over Suvendu's political move ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections, BJP's national vice-president Mukul Roy said the disgruntled TMC leader's inclusion in the saffron camp was a matter of time.

BJP's Bengal observer Kailash Vijayvargiya said the party would welcome Suvendu — a follower of Mukul Roy who used to be known as TMC's face in East Midnapore district and some other areas — with the respect that he deserves. "Other than Mamata Banerjee, Suvendu is one of the few mass leaders with grassroots connections in the TMC. I have known him for a long time and we are good friends. Suvendu's entry in the BJP will definitely strengthen our party in Bengal," he said.

It is believed that Adhikari and his followers have influence in at least 30 Assembly constituencies. Bengal BJP is expecting a large-scale migration from the TMC after Suvendu joins the saffron camp. "At least 50 MLAs and five MPs are set to step out of the TMC,"

said a BJP leader. Trinamool MP and spokesperson Saugata Roy said several interactions took place with Suvendu and the content of the last meeting was leaked to the media. "If he is using it as an excuse to leave the party, I have nothing to say," Roy said.

On Tuesday Suvendu further distanced himself from the TMC while addressing a rally



Big blow likely for ruling party

The possible change in Suvendu's political allegiance might cause a blow to the ruling party as the Adhikari family — his father Sisir Adhikari, an MP from Contal, and brother Dibyendu, another MP from Tamluk — have strong influence in East Midnapore

in East Midnapore. "The famous Nandigram movement was not formed by any political party. It was a people's movement. I never believe in personal attacks. But I faced several attacks. This time when people go out to vote, they'd ensure that many leaders face the same fate as those of the CPI-M in the 2011 elections," he said without naming the TMC.



'Attack on BJP rally reflects public anger'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

KICKING OFF her election campaign in North Bengal, Trinamool Congress chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday hit out at the Centre for "interfering" in the state's jurisdiction by summoning three Bengal-cadre IPS officials for central deputation.

Referring to the attack on BJP national president Nadda's convoy, Mamata said none of the TMC supporters was involved in it. "The attack on Nadda's convoy was a reflection of common people's anger. They spotted an accused who was in jail in connection with the vandalism of the bust of Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar last year in the convoy and reacted. There is a protocol of VIP convoys. But on that day more than 50 vehicles were part of the convoy and large number of motorcycles were following them," she said while addressing a rally in Jalpaiguri.

She also compared the BJP leaders to the "dacoits of Chambal" who are allegedly entering Bengal from "outside". Recalling the TMC's debacle in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections in North Bengal, Mamata sought the blessings of electorate. "TMC failed to bag a single seat in North Bengal. BJP got all of them. I want to ask what was our fault. They (the BJP) came from outside and won all the seats. They are not Ramakrishna or Vivekananda as they only spread hatred," she said.

Former student leader takes oath as chief of Bodo council

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

SEVENTEEN years since it was created as a political solution to the Bodo agitation for a separate state, Assam's Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) on Tuesday got a new chief in former student leader Pramod Bodo.

He was sworn in as the Chief Executive Member (CEM) of the autonomous council at a programme held in Kokrajhar. Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma were among dignitaries in attendance.

Gobinda Basumatary of the United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) took oath as the Depu-



Promod Bodo being felicitated after his swearing in at Kokrajhar on Tuesday | PFI

ty CEM. Gautam Das and Diganta Baruah, both from the BJP, and Ghanashyam Das from the Gana Suraksha Party (GSP) were also sworn in. BJP, UPPL and GSP forged a post-poll alliance to rule the BTC. From 2003 to March this

year, the Bodoland People's Front (BPF) had ruled the BTC. The BPF had emerged as the single largest party in the recently-held BTC elections, winning 17 of the 40 seats, but failed to cobble up the numbers to form the council.

Court pulls up cops over interfaith couple case

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

NEALRY ten days after a pregnant woman, Pinki, 22, was sent to a shelter home and her husband and brother-in-law were arrested in Moradabad allegedly on the basis of a complaint of Bajrang Dal activists claiming that her marriage was a case of 'love-jihad', the woman was sent back to her in-laws' place on Tuesday based on a local court order.

Meanwhile, a video of the woman, doing rounds on social media on Tuesday, showed her demanding the release of her husband, Rashid, and her brother-in-law Salim. She was seen claiming that she had agreed to marry Rashid and converted to Islam according to her

own free will and that there was no coercion. Moreover, in the video clip, Pinki is also seen claiming that she had suffered a miscarriage. Pointing the finger of suspicion at the doctor who was attending to her at the district hospital, Pinki claimed that she was administered some injections after which her condition deteriorated and she suffered the miscarriage. However, the hospital has denied the allegation.

The court, while allowing the woman to go to her in-laws' house, had pulled up the police officials for arresting her husband.

"Certain evidence in favour of the accused has come to our notice. That will be taken into account," said Addl SP (rural) Vidyasagar Mishra.



NC told to come clean on PM meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Srinagar

IN a sign of revival of political activity in Srinagar, the Apni Party of former PDP leader Altaf Bukhari on Tuesday held a convention here. The Apni Party, which was floated in March this year, held the one-day convention at Sher-e-Kashmir Park here. About 1,200 party workers attended the convention, which was the first major political activity in Srinagar after August 5, 2019, when the Centre had scrapped Articles 370 and 35A.

Addressing party workers, Bukhari termed the day as "black day" and said, "while in the whole world Covid-19 pandemic broke out in March 2020, in Kashmir Covid came on August 5, 2019."

Taking a dig at the Gupkar alliance, he said: "These parties who had been playing politics for last 70 years had sought votes to defend Article 370 but what did they do to defend it?"

He also asked the NC leadership to reveal what transpired during the meeting between the leaders and Prime Minister on August 1, 2019.

Now, Akhilesh rediscovers Ram, says his is a party of bhakts

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

ON way back from his parliamentary constituency of Azamgarh to the state capital, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Tuesday sought to rediscover his links to Ayodhya, saying his party members were Ram and Krishna bhakts.

Yadav, a former CM, halted for a few hours in the temple town Ayodhya. "Lord Ram belongs to the Samajwadi Party

as much as to anyone else. We are Ram and Krishna bhakts," he said. He said he would soon visit Ram Janmabhoomi premises along with his family and pay obeisance to Lord Ram.

The SP chief recalled that he had got the trees of sacred *Paarijat* planted all along the Parikrama Marg, the outer periphery of Ayodhya. The light and sound show along the banks of the Saryu was cour-

tesy of his government, he said, and so was a *bhajan sthal* (prayer point).

He was bitterly critical of the ruling BJP over farm reforms and the ongoing farmers' stir. "They (the BJP) could have brought a law so that farmers could get a fair price for their produce, he said. "Instead, the government brought out black laws to benefit the corporate houses," he said.

With 2022 Assembly polls in



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Kamal Nath clears speculation on retirement

Ending speculation about retiring from politics, Congress veteran and former CM Kamal Nath has made it clear that he will quit active politics only on the day the people of his constituency Chhindwara want him to do so. "I've been misinterpreted. What I said is that I'll retire the day people of Chhindwara want me to," he said on Tuesday. On Monday, a video of an event had gone viral in which he was seen saying, "I have already achieved a lot. What I have got, no one else may have got. I also want to sit at home... take rest."



Suspense continues over fate of Scindia loyalists

Suspense continues over the fate of three Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalist ministers, who had quit from the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led cabinet after suffering defeat in the recent assembly bypolls in Madhya Pradesh. According to informed BJP sources, Scindia, during his recent meeting with the chief minister and top state BJP leaders in Bhopal, pitched for giving them charge of state corporations or boards. However, as of now, the fate of three ministers — Imarti Devi, Aidal Singh Ksnsana and Giriraj Dandotiya — remains uncertain. Twelve of the 28 ministers sworn in on July 2 this year were out of the 22 Congress MLAs, whose resignation (following Scindia quitting the Congress to join the BJP on March 10) had scripted the fall of the Kamal Nath-led government in the state.

Rajkumar Santoshi to shoot 3 flicks in state

National and multiple Filmfare award winning film maker Rajkumar Santoshi plans to shoot three back-to-back films in Madhya Pradesh next year. The film maker has also shown keen interest in starting a film academy in the state capital, Bhopal. The maker of Ghayal, Ghatak and Andaz Apna Apna met Home Minister Narottam Mishra in Bhopal on Tuesday. Mishra confirmed the film maker's plans and also hoped it would give opportunities to actors in the state and other creative people. Bhopal and several other parts of the state have been a much sought-after shooting destination by Bollywood.

Out-of-turn promotion to cops for catching Maoist

As many as 15 police personnel who played a key role in arresting most wanted Maoist Badal alias Kosa Markam near the Kanha National Park in Balaghat district have been rewarded with out of turn promotion by the state government. While an assistant sub inspector (ASI) has been promoted as sub inspector (SI), four head constables have been promoted as ASIs, while ten constables have been elevated to rank of head constables for arresting Maoist Badal alias Kosa Markam, who carried ₹10 lakh bounty on head.





3,00,000
people in the United States have died due to the coronavirus, a grim milestone



Beijing	1	9	SNY	Los Angeles	22	8	SNY
Colombo	30	21	TDS	Melbourne	25	16	LC
Dhaka	27	15	SNY	Moscow	-2	-3	LC
Dubai	28	17	SNY	New York	1	0	HR
Houston	11	2	SNY	Singapore	31	24	TDS
Istanbul	11	8	LC	Toronto	-3	-5	LC
London	11	7	LR	Washington	3	2	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

China forcing 5L people to pick cotton, report suggests

US has already partially banned imports of the crop from Xinjiang, where Beijing has imprisoned at least 1 mn people in internment camps

BEIJING

LAKHS of ethnic minority labourers in China's northwestern Xinjiang region are being forced to pick cotton through a coercive state-run scheme, a report has said.

The research published Monday by Washington-based think tank the Center for Global Policy is likely to heap more pressure on global brands such as Nike, Gap and Adidas, which have been accused of using Uighur forced labour in their textile supply chains.

Rights activists have said Xinjiang is home to a vast network of extrajudicial internment camps that have imprisoned at least one million people, which China has defended as vocational training centres to counter extremism.

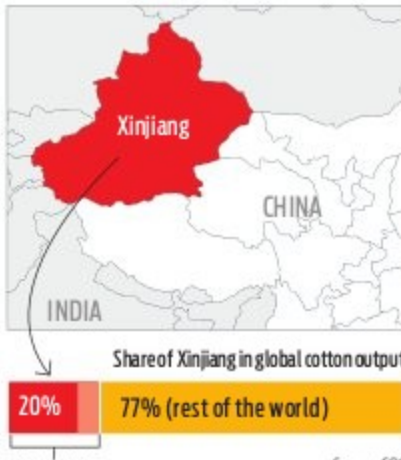


The Xinjiang region produces some of the world's highest quality cotton | AFP

The report -- which referenced online government documents -- said the total number involved in three majority-Uighur regions exceeds a 2018 estimate of 5,17,000 people forced to pick cotton as part of the scheme by hundreds of

thousands.

Researchers warned of the "potentially drastic consequences" for global cotton supply chains, with Xinjiang producing more than 20 percent of the world's cotton and around a fifth of the yarn used in the



China 23% Source: CBS

United States coming from the region.

The BBC reported that it had asked 30 major international brands if they intended to continue sourcing products from China as a result of the findings -- of those that replied,

only four said they had a strict policy of demanding that items sourced from anywhere in China do not use raw cotton from Xinjiang.

Beijing said that all detainees have "graduated" from the centres, but reports have suggested that many former inmates have been transferred to low-skilled manufacturing factory jobs, often linked to the camps. But the think tank report said labour transfer scheme participants were heavily surveilled by police, with point-to-point transfers, "military-style management" and ideological training, citing government documents.

"It is clear that labour transfers for cotton-picking involve a very high risk of forced labour," Adrian Zenz, who uncovered the documents, wrote in

the report. It also says there is a strong ideological incentive to enforce the scheme, as the boost in rural incomes allows officials to hit state-mandated poverty alleviation targets.

China has strongly denied allegations of forced labour involving Uighurs in Xinjiang and says training programmes, work schemes and better education have helped stamp out extremism in the region.

Total import ban on Xinjiang

Earlier this month, the US banned imports of cotton produced by the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, a major paramilitary entity, which covers about a third of the crop produced in the region. Another bill banning all imports from Xinjiang has yet to pass the US Senate. AFP



In this file image, Takahiro Shiraishi covers his face inside a car | AP

'Twitter killer' to be executed for murdering suicidal teens

TOKYO

A Japanese court on Tuesday sentenced a man to death for killing and dismembering nine people, most of whom had posted suicidal thoughts on social media, in a case that shocked the country.

The Tachikawa branch of the Tokyo District Court found Takahiro Shiraishi, known as the "Twitter killer," guilty of killing, dismembering and storing the bodies of the victims in his flat in Zama, near Tokyo.

Shiraishi, 30, pleaded guilty and said he would not appeal his death sentence.

Police arrested Shiraishi in 2017 after finding the bodies of eight females and one male in cold-storage cases in his apartment.

Investigators said Shiraishi approached the victims via Twitter, offering to assist them with their suicidal wishes. He killed the women, including teenagers, after raping them, and also killed a boyfriend of one of the women to silence him.

On Twitter, Shiraishi used the name "Hangman," promising to help his victims die and inviting them to his apartment.

Although his defense lawyers argued that he assisted the victims' suicidal wishes, Shiraishi later said he killed them without their consent.

In the ruling, presiding Judge Naokuni Yano said none of the victims agreed to be killed and that Shiraishi was fully responsible for their deaths. He said the crime was extremely heinous and had caused fear and concern in society, media reports said. AP

Top Republican accepts Joe as prez-elect in blow to Don

WASHINGTON

US Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell congratulated Democrat Joe Biden as president-elect on Tuesday, saying the Electoral College "has spoken."

The Republican leader's statement, delivered in a speech on the Senate floor, ends weeks of silence over President Donald Trump's defeat. It came a day after electors met and officially affirmed Biden's election win.

"I want to congratulate President-elect Joe Biden," McConnell said.

"Many of us had hoped the presidential election would yield a different result," he said. "But our system of government has the processes to determine who will be sworn in on Jan. 20. The Electoral College has spoken."

McConnell called Biden someone "who has devoted himself to public service for many years." He also congratulated Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, saying "all Americans can take pride

that our nation has a female vice president-elect for the very first time."

McConnell prefaced his remarks with sweeping praise for what he characterised as Trump's "endless" accomplishments during four years in office. He said Trump and Vice President Mike Pence "deserve our thanks."

The Senate leader cited Trump's nomination of three Supreme Court justices, amongst other things.

The GOP tide turns

McConnell's remarks follow a groundswell of leading Republicans who said Monday for the first time that Biden is the winner of the presidential election, essentially abandoning President Donald Trump's assault on the outcome after the Electoral College certified the vote.

"At some point you have to face the music," said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the NO. 2 GOP leader. "Once the Electoral College settles the issue today, it's time for everybody to move on." AP



Democrats may compromise on Covid relief bill

WASHINGTON

As top Washington negotiators reach for a long-delayed agreement on Covid-19 relief, rank-and-file Democrats appear increasingly resigned to having to drop, for now, a scaled-back demand for fiscal relief for states and local governments whose budgets have been thrown out of balance by the pandemic.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a top Democrat, spoke with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin by phone Monday evening and continues to press for help for struggling states and localities. But the top Democratic ally of President-elect Joe Biden came out in support of a \$748 billion plan offered by a bipartisan group of lawmakers and hinted they won't insist on a pitched battle for state and local aid now. "We cannot afford to wait any longer," said Sen. Chris Coons. AP

Too feminist? Paris fined over women hires

PARIS

PARIS city authorities have been fined for employing too many women in senior positions, a decision mocked as "absurd" by mayor Anne Hidalgo on Tuesday.

The fine of 90,000 euros was demanded by France's public service ministry on the grounds that Paris city hall had broken national rules on gender parity in its 2018 staffing.

"I am happy to announce that we have been fined," Hidalgo told a city council meeting, adding she had been filled with

"joy" when she learned of the penalty.

Hidalgo said she was faulted because 11 women and only five men were named to management positions in city hall in 2018, meaning that 69 percent of the appointments went to women.

"The management of the city hall has, all of a sudden, become far too feminist," laughed the Socialist, who was re-elected for a new term at the helm of Paris last year.

According to the text of the ruling cited by *Le Monde* daily,

city hall violated a rule dating to 2013, which stipulates said one sex should not account for more than 60 of nominations to management positions.

Hidalgo said that she would take the cheque for the fine to the government in person, along with her deputy mayors and all the women working for her. Taking a more serious tone, she added: "This fine is obviously absurd, unfair, irresponsible and dangerous", adding that women in France should be promoted. AFP



ASIA MATTERS

PAKISTAN

Oppn gives Imran till Jan 31 to resign as PM

Pakistan Democratic Movement's top leaders, including PML-N vice president Maryam Nawaz, were booked on Tuesday for causing irreparable damage to a national asset after its Minar-e-Pakistan rally here, as the 11-party opposition alliance set Jan 31 deadline for Prime Minister Imran Khan to step down or face a long march on Islamabad. The opposition alliance held its final anti-government rally in Lahore on Sunday despite a ban on the gathering of more than 300 people owing to an increase in COVID-19 cases across the country. The PDM has been holding massive rallies since its inception in September to seek Khan's ouster and press the powerful military to stop interfering in politics. The opposition on Monday evening signed a 'Lahore Declaration' during a meeting at Nawaz Sharif's Jati Umra residence.

SINGAPORE

Business travel from all countries to be allowed

Singapore will allow business travellers and visiting officials from all countries to enter from next month, authorities said Tuesday, as the financial hub seeks to recover from a coronavirus-induced downturn. Under the new arrangements, a limited number of travellers can apply for stays of up to 14 days from mid-January, the trade ministry said. Singapore already had arrangements allowing in selected visitors from countries including China and South Korea, but the new scheme marks a significant easing of travel curbs. There are strict conditions, however, for those wishing to visit the city-state, which has escaped the coronavirus relatively lightly. Travellers must undergo virus tests before leaving their home country, on arrival in Singapore and regularly during their stay.

INDONESIA

Suspect arrested recently is terror mastermind: Police

Indonesian authorities said Monday that a top terror suspect arrested last week was the architect of a series of deadly attacks and sectarian conflicts in the world's most populous Muslim nation. Aris Sumarsono, known as Zulkarnaen, was arrested Thursday by counterterrorism police in a raid at a house in East Lampung district on Sumatra island. "He was the military commander of Jemaah Islamiyah," National Police spokesperson Ahmad Ramadhan said at a news conference in the capital, Jakarta. "He's been on the police wanted list for 18 years."

Aus warns China coal ban will breach WTO rules

SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA'S prime minister said Tuesday that China would be violating World Trade Organization rules and a bilateral free trade agreement if it banned Australian coal.

PM Scott Morrison was replying to a report in China's state-owned Global Times newspaper that said Beijing's main planning agency had given power plants approval to import coal without restrictions, except for Australian coal. Morrison said he was treating the report as "media speculation" because the Chinese government had yet to clarify its position.

"If that were the case, then



An SUV follows a large mining truck at a coal mine near Gunnedah, Australia | AP

that would obviously be in breach of WTO rules," Morrison said. "It would be obviously in breach of our FTA and so we would hope that's certainly not the case."

China has targeted various Australian exports as relations with the country have deteriorated after Australia called for an independent inquiry into the coronavirus pandemic.

Asked about the report, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin gave no specifics but said China had "recently taken measures against some imported Australian products in accordance with law and regulations."

China has consistently said Australia is entirely responsible for disruptions in economic and political ties motivated by what it sees as anti-Chinese bias among Australian politicians, civic leaders and media outlets. Wang said China would "never accept" accusations of unfair trade practices, and accused Australia of having politicised bilateral exchanges in trade, investment, science and technology. AP

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Rohingya face violence & death as they seek to flee B'desh

COX'S BAZAR

AUTO rickshaws slip easily past barbed-wire checkpoints at the world's biggest refugee camp, their drivers among the smallest players in a human trafficking network involving high-seas extortion gangs, corrupt police and drug lords.

Aboard the spluttering rickshaws are small groups of young men, women and children hoping to escape the misery of life with other members of their stateless Rohingya group who are crowded into shanties in Bangladesh.

Nineteen-year-old Enamul Hasan was aboard one of the rickshaws early this year, taken to the coast and then by small boat into a bigger fishing vessel anchored in the Bay of Bengal where he joined hun-



Rohingya refugees in a boat in Chakmarkul in August. This is a still from an AFP video that shows Bangladeshi smugglers whipping the still-living refugees on the boat. The map shows where such boats may take Rohingya | AFP

dreds of other Rohingya hoping to reach Malaysia.

"I was told I'd get the opportunity to finish my studies and

earn money to get my family out of poverty," Hasan told AFP, recounting the promises of the low-level smuggler in



the camp who was his contact for organising the trip.

Instead, after enduring beatings by crew members and watching others die during more than six weeks at sea, Hasan's boat returned to Bangladesh and he is back in his squalid home. "I will never forget what I've been through.

The traffickers, the brutality of the sailors... I'd never do it again," Hasan said.

An AFP investigation revealed a sophisticated and always-evolving operation worth millions of dollars in which members of the Rohingya community play a key role in trafficking their own people. Thai-registered fishing boats capable of holding 1,000 people, satellite phones, a mini-armada of supply vessels and corrupt officials across Southeast Asia, as well as in the Bangladeshi camp, are also integral to the network.

Malaysia has been the main destination. More than 100,000 Rohingya now live there, registered as refugees but not allowed to work, forcing the men into illegal construction and other low-paid jobs. AFP

Maldives offers to bury Sri Lanka's Covid-hit Muslims

COLOMBO

THE Maldives president's office says it is discussing how to provide a "humane response" to a request from neighboring Sri Lanka to allow burials for Muslims who die of Covid-19.

Presidential spokesman Ibrahim Hood said that President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih has received a request from Sri Lanka to look into the possibility of allowing such burials.

"The request has been received. At present we are considering and discussions are ongoing with regard to what would be the appropriate and humane response," Hood told The AP. There was no immediate confirmation from Sri Lanka of such a request.

Sri Lanka's government in March announced it will cremate the bodies of all people

who die of Covid-19, saying the coronavirus could contaminate underground water.

Sri Lankan Muslims have urged the government to allow burials, citing religious beliefs. They accuse the government of denying Muslims a basic right sans scientific grounds, since many countries allow burials.

After the families of 19 Muslims refused to claim the bodies of relatives from a Colombo morgue, last week, Sri Lanka's attorney general ordered their remains cremated.

So far at least 15 have been -- including a 20-day-old baby named Shaykh and despite the pleas of his parents.

The image of a sleeping baby Shaykh has become a symbol for what Sri Lanka's Muslim community considers inhuman treatment of Muslim coronavirus victims. Agencies



FSDC bats for vigil on financial conditions

The council, which met the finance minister, also stressed on the need for a roadmap to spur economic growth

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday met the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) on Tuesday to discuss the state of economy, budget proposals and to prepare a roadmap for India's recovery for the next financial year amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The council also stressed on the need for the government

and all regulators to maintain continuous vigil on the financial conditions that could expose the country to financial vulnerabilities in the medium and long term. "The meeting reviewed the major macroeconomic developments and Financial Stability issues (global and domestic) with special reference to vulnerability related issues," a finance ministry statement said.

The FSDC is an apex level fo-

rum created by the Centre to strengthen and institutionalise the mechanism for maintaining financial stability and enhance inter-regulatory coordination while promoting financial sector development in the country.

It includes officials from the Finance Ministry and heads of financial sector regulators (RBI, SEBI, PFRDA, IRDAI) and is chaired

by the Finance Minister. Discussions were also held on further measures which may be required to be taken to ensure consistent support of the financial sector for achieving faster real economic growth and achieving the overall macroeconomic targets, while continuing to maintain financial stability. "The FSDC also discussed the challenges involved in the

smooth transition of London Interbank Offer Rate (LIBOR) based contracts and noted that a multipronged strategy involving relevant stakeholder institutions and departments is required in this regard," the statement added. This was second FSDC meeting held after the Covid-19 outbreak in the country. Last time, the meeting was held in May soon after the Centre announced the ₹21 lakh crore stimulus package.



IT major Infosys reinventing business model to become digital-first company

BISMAL MALIK @ Bengaluru

INFOSYS chairman Nandan Nilekani and CEO Salil Parekh are focussing on reinventing the business to make the IT firm a digital-first company.

Speaking at a media meet on Tuesday, Parekh said that the company is aiming to drive more than 50 per cent of its revenues from digital services especially after the segment witnessed a 25 per cent growth YoY in the last quarter (Q2 FY21). Currently, 47 per cent of the revenues of the IT major comes from digital services on the back of huge demand from the enterprises for hybrid

cloud, cyber security and remote work services.

The IT infrastructure modernisation (digital transformation), according to Parekh, will continue to drive the business in the coming quarters, as a result of which the company has witnessed a steady deal momentum in the quarter ended December with addition of new clients. Even as Covid-19 disrupted its businesses world over, Infosys CEO said that there has been no pricing pressure from the client side on various deals. Among several deal clinches during the pandemic, Infosys signed a contract with a US investment

firm Vanguard for a reported \$1.5 billion to digitise their record keeping business.

"Pricing has held up quite well due to acceleration in IT infrastructure modernisation. IT systems are now driving growth for clients and not just digital transformation and business optimisation, so there is no pricing pressure. The real driver has been the rise in tech spend by organisations. We, at Infosys, helped our clients undergo this transformation due to the investments made 2-3 years ago in cloud, cybersecurity and talent upskilling allowing us to become more relevant," Parekh added.

Exports plunge 8.7%, trade deficit narrows in Nov

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE ongoing pandemic continues to drag India's merchandise exports, which contracted by 8.74 per cent in November to \$23.52 billion from \$25.77 billion in the same month last year. According to the official data released on Tuesday, the cumulative value of exports for the April-November period of the current financial year was \$173.66 billion as against \$211.17 billion last year, falling by 17.76 per cent in dollar terms. However, non-petroleum



and non-gold exports witnessed some improvement.

"Non-petroleum and non-Gems and Jewellery exports in November 2020 were \$19.29 billion, as compared to \$19.37 billion in November 2019, registering a negative growth of (-

0.4 per cent," the data showed. Trade deficit narrowed to \$9.87 billion as imports, too, declined 13.32 per cent to \$33.39 billion in November. Oil imports during the month dropped by 43.36 per cent to \$6.27 billion. During April-November period imports contracted by 33.55 per cent to \$215.69 billion.

Separately, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that the government is making a "genuine" effort to set up a single-window system for approvals and clearances and the first cut of the window

would be rolled out by March-April 2021. He added that foreign direct investments (FDIs) into India have been continuously growing as the country has one of the most facilitative policies to attract overseas investors. "FDI inflows into India have been continuously growing. Even during the first nine months of this year, at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, our FDI has grown and we have today one of the most facilitative and congenial FDI policies in the world," Goyal said at CII Partnership Summit 2020.

Core inflation remains sticky, H1 FY22 to see prices rise above RBI's forecast

SUNITHA NATTI

HEADLINE inflation is showing signs of easing, but the RBI remains on the battle bus to prioritise growth and price stability. The latest inflation print at 6.9 per cent in November conforms to Reserve Bank of India's forecast of 6.8 per cent and 5.8 per cent in December and March quarters, respectively, but analysts expect price rise to be 30-50 bps above the central bank's average forecast of 4.9 per cent in H1 FY22.

That's because, in the near term, inflation trajectory is affected by Covid-19 related supply disruptions, including labour shortages, high transportation costs, cost-push pressures in the form of high taxes on petroleum products, and hikes in telecom charges. Even as near-term supply-side disruptions are getting addressed owing to easing of mobility restrictions and removal of constraints on inter-state movements, the recent farmers' protests in few states could be

somewhat of a dampener, according to UBS Securities.

"Going forward, we expect the central bank to keep the repo rate on hold in the rest of FY21. We think, any room for further policy easing (25 bps) will be dependent on either growth surprising significantly on the downside and/or inflationary pressures moderating significantly over the

coming months on lower food prices," said Tanvi Gupta Jain, economist, UBS Securities.

Some even believe that retail inflation will likely traverse a deflationary phase in line with the global trend. If this happens, and growth continues to falter in the near future, the twin developments could compel RBI to reduce rates further.

"We expect deceleration of inflation in the next 12 months to be more pronounced than estimated by RBI. In contrast, we do not think that improvements in industrial production would continue. The simultaneous deceleration in growth and inflation would provide RBI the opportunity to resume lowering the policy rate in coming months. The more-than-expected hardening of global crude prices, however, remains a risk factor," wrote the analysts at Anand Rathi.

Food inflation decelerated to 8.8 per cent in November vs 10.1 per cent in October largely led by lower vegetables prices even as higher prices were seen in oil and fats segment.

Core inflation, excluding food and fuel, though sticky eased by 5 bps to 5.8 per cent. Inflation in the transport and communication segment remained largely similar to the previous month. Excluding petrol and diesel, the calculated refined core CPI inflation also eased to 5.6 per cent.

Farmers' protests causing loss of ₹3,500 cr everyday

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE week-long farmers' agitation that has caused supply chain and logistics disruption in several parts of the country is resulting in a daily loss of ₹3,000-3500 crore, according to estimates from Assocham.

The ongoing standoff between the Centre and farm bodies, if not resolved soon, may impinge on the economy, which is already struggling to get on a growth trajectory amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The protests are dealing a big blow to the interconnected economies of the regions including Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh," said Assocham General Secretary Deepak Sood. "The size of the combined economies of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir are ₹18 lakh crore. With the ongoing farmers agitation and blockade, the economic activities have come to a halt. Industries such as textiles, auto components, bicycles, sports goods, which cater significantly to the export markets would not be able to fulfill their orders,



ahead of Christmas, harming our goodwill amongst the global buyers," added Niranjan Hiranandan, president, Assocham. If the economy needs to double down on growth, it is possible only with a conducive environment for industries.

Industry body CII also noted that the blockade of highways due to the protests have led to 50 per cent more time and distance for movement of goods and about 8-10 per cent increase in logistics costs. The apex industry body said around two-thirds of consignments in transit are taking extra time to reach destinations in Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi-NCR. While industry leaders have red flagged the move, the government has maintained that the protests have only minimally impacted the economy.

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₹1,665



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International investor to acquire 42% stake in Singer India's holding entity

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

APPLIANCES firm Singer India on Tuesday said an international investor will buy 42 per cent stake in the holding entity of the India business. Retail Holdings India BV is a promoter entity of Singer India Ltd. The company, however, neither shared the name of the investor nor the deal size.

"Retail Holdings Asia BV, has entered into an agreement with an international private investor to sell approximately 42 per cent of its equity inter-

est in its 100 per cent owned subsidiary, Retail Holdings India BV to the investor," Singer said in a regulatory filing.

The company also made it clear that no change in the ownership or control of Singer India will take place as a result of this transaction and RH India will continue to be the majority shareholder, owning approximately 59 per cent of the equity of Singer India. The transaction is anticipated to be closed before year end.

RH Asia said it believes that the Singer India business should benefit significantly from the relationship with the said investor. "The investor is an existing licensee of SVP Worldwide, the owner of the Singer trademarks. The investor has extensive experience in sewing and appliance distribution worldwide, including owning and operating Singer sewing and appliance businesses in France, Greece, and Eastern Europe," the company said.



JSPL aims to cut debt, bets big on infrastructure to boost sales

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

JINDAL Steel and Power Limited (JSPL) aims to prune its debt over the next two years and is banking on India's infrastructure drive to power sales.

"We aim to cut our debt from ₹34,000 crore at the beginning of this financial year by about ₹5,000 crore in this fiscal and bring it down to ₹15,000 crore

by 2022-23," JSPL Managing Director V R Sharma told this publication in an interview.

"We are also aiming that our sales turnover would rise to ₹50,000 crore by then and earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) rise to ₹15,000 crore," he added.

JSPL had a gross

revenue of ₹40,744 crore for the year ended March 2020, and a EBITDA of ₹7,854 crore and a net loss of ₹399 crore. The steel

and power major believes that India's rush to complete infrastructure projects will power future growth and is also driving up steel prices. "Infrastructure projects initiated by the

government is driving growth ... steel prices are going up. Demand outstrips supply at present," he added.

Indian steel spreads have risen by about 25 per cent in Q3FY21 and are at a three-year high," as per a report by brokerage firm Motilal Oswal. Sharma pointed out that the 'Atmanirbhar' policy was also helping drive sales. "We make

heat hardened rails used by metro railway projects. Earlier they were being imported. However, now thanks to Atmanirbhar Bharat, domestic

makers of these rails are getting the orders," the MD said. JSPL makes 1,080 HH grade rails for several metro projects in India, which includes the Kolkata Metro Rail Project as well as the Pune Metro.

India playing key role in designing new FB products

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SOCIAL media giant Facebook on Wednesday said that India is playing a crucial role in designing its products ranging from the launch of Reels on Instagram and Watch on Facebook and Payments on WhatsApp

Mark Zuckerberg. He also held a chat session with Reliance boss Mukesh Ambani and discussed India's digital transformation. In April, Facebook had announced investment of \$5.7 billion (₹43,574 crore) in Jio Platforms.

"WhatsApp and Jio have hundreds of millions of subscribers in India. Jio Mart, which is our retail service, has the aspiration of serving tens of millions of small shopkeepers in India, who are the bedrock of employment. So what does this mean? This means Jio brings digital connectivity, WhatsApp now with WhatsApp Pay brings digital interactivity, and the ability to move to close transactions and Jio Mart brings the unmatched online and offline retail opportunity," said Ambani.



access to digital financial inclusion. So, decisions that are made here shape the global discussion about how technology can drive more economic opportunity and better outcomes for people, said Founder, Chairman and CEO of Facebook

ONLINE SERVICES

India Post rolls out digital payments app DakPay

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE rush to grab a pie of the rapidly growing digital payments market has not been limited to the private sector. On Tuesday, the Department of Post (India Post) and its banking arm India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) rolled out their own payments application called DakPay—a platform offering a wide range of services including door-step banking.

Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & IT Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the app, pointing out that this only adds to India Post's legacy of reaching every household.

"This innovative service will not only give access to banking services and postal products online, but also is a unique concept where one can order and avail postal financial services at doorsteps. I strongly believe that this double strength of service offerings in the form of online payments and home delivery of financial services combined with a nationwide network of Postal departments will be another big leap towards Prime Minister's vision of a financially inclusive and an Aatmanirbhar Bharat," he said.

The platform will facilitate services such as sending money, scanning QR codes for payments to merchants digitally—either through virtual debit cards or with UPI, and making payments for services, and to merchants, digitally. It will also provide interoperable banking services to the customers with any bank in India.

Postal Secretary and IPPB board Chairman Pradipta Kumar Bisoi pointed out that the platform will offer all customers access to banking and payments products and services—either through the app or in assisted mode with the help of the "trusted Postman".

ANDHRA PRADESH INTEGRATED IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
(World Bank Aided Project)

Request for Bids (National Competitive Bidding)
Tender Notice No.02/2020-21, Dated : 28.09.2020 (2nd call)
Tender Notice No.05/2020-21, Dated : 07.12.2020 (1st call)

The Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Krishna District, Pin Code: 520002, Andhra Pradesh invites Bids from the intending Bidders for 4 Nos of works for an amount of **Rs.221.00 Lakhs** vide T.No:02/20-21 Dt.28.09.2020 (2nd call) and for 1 work for an amount of **Rs.410.00 Lakhs** vide T.No:05/20-21 Dt.07.12.2020 (1st call) under "Andhra Pradesh Integrated Irrigation and Agriculture Transformation Project (APIATP) (World Bank Phase-III)" from Dt:14.12.2020 @ 11.00 hrs to 21.01.2021 upto 17.00hrs.

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Solid Waste Management Department

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The Superintending Engineer (SWM), Greater Chennai Corporation invites online tender for "Supplying, Installation, Testing and Commissioning and Annual Maintenance of Scientific Incinerator at a capacity of 100 MT per day (single or multiple units) for Incineration of non recyclable dry waste at Aynavaram in Zone VI" are available in online www.tntenders.gov.in

Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid	28 th December, 2020 at 03.00 PM
Bid Opening Date and Time	29 th December, 2020 at 04.00 PM
Cost of Tender Documents and EMD	Cost of tender document: Rs.20,000/- + 12% GST EMD: Rs.9.10 Lakhs

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Last Date and Time of Submission of Bid	28 th December, 2020 at 03.00 PM
Bid Opening Date and Time	29 th December, 2020 at 04.00 PM
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No.: JDA/EST/ACTT/2020-21/D-1925 Date : 14.12.2020

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NIB No.: DC (Admn.) 06/2020-21

Online Bids are invited from Providing service Various Type of **Labourers Supervisor (High Skilled), Security Men (skilled), IVth Class/Chapras (Unskilled Labour) Services**, estimated yearly cost of **Rs. 13.00 Crore. UBN No. JDA2021SLOB00291** The last date for Applying Bid and making online payment on JDA portal is up to **6.00 PM of 23.12.2020** Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at our office or the State Public Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in

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1. Registered on JDA website www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in for participating in the bid, the bidder has to apply for the bid and pay the Bidding Document Fee, RISL Processing Fee and bid security deposit online only. 2. Registered on e-Procurement Portal of Government of Rajasthan www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in for online e-Bid submission.

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(Two Cover) STD - KW2
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, (Shanthinagara Division), BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP invites tenders from eligible from Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Approximate value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1st Call			
1.	Re Asphaltting and Improvements to Road at Jougupalya Surroundings Area in Ward No-89.	60.00	1,20,000/-
2.	Re Asphaltting and Improvements to Road at Indiranagara, Appareddypalya and Surroundings Area in Ward No-89.	60.00	1,20,000/-
3.	Construction of Revenue Office building Near Ward Office in Ward No-89.	60.00	1,20,000/-
4.	Improvements to Roads at Nandanavana A Street and B Street Jougupalya and Surrounding area in Ward No-89.	60.00	1,20,000/-
5.	Asphaltting of Roads and Drains to Austin Town Surrounding Area in Ward No-114 Agaram.	60.00	1,20,000/-
6.	Asphaltting Roads and Drains to in Ward No-114 Agaram.	60.00	1,20,000/-
7.	Development of Roads and Drains to BDA Layout in Ward No-115 Vannarapete.	80.00	1,60,000/-
8.	Construction of General Library Building at Vivekanagara in Ward No-115 Vannarapete.	100.00	2,00,000/-
9.	Construction of Computer Centre and Yoga Centre at Ayappa Block in Ward No-115 Vannarapete.	100.00	2,00,000/-
10.	Construction of Health Office, Revenue Office at Vivekanagara in Ward No-115 Vannarapete.	75.00	1,50,000/-
11.	Development of Roads and Drains to Ashoka -nagara in Ward No-111 Shanthinagara Call-2	80.00	1,60,000/-
12.	Improvements Asphaltting Roads of Bazar Street and L.R. Nagara Surrounding Area in Ward No-116 Neelasandra Call-2	72.00	1,44,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **20.01.2021** upto **4:00 pm**. (2) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from **05.01.2021**. (3) Last Date for uploading the filled tender document is **18.01.2021** upto **4:00 pm**. (4) Date of Opening of Tenders is on **20.01.2021** if possible or Next Working day. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

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Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division
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LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH
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Sale Notice
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, Large Corporate Branch, will be sold by E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is and without recourse basis" in all respects and subject to statutory dues if any, on 21.01.2021, for recovery of **Rs. 48,114,585.05** (Rupees Forty eight crore eleven lakhs eighty four thousand five hundred eighty five and five paise only) together with further interest, costs and expenses, due to Large Corporate branch, Bangalore of Canara Bank with further interest as applicable from M/s.Kashyap Constructions Private Limited.

The bidder has to deposit the Earnest Money on or before 19.01.2021 by 5:00 P.M
The property described below is being sold under Rule No.8 & Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 by inviting tenders/bids as per below auction schedule:

Description of the Immovable Properties :
1) EMT of Vacant Residential site no 43/A, 42/A, 41/A, 40/A, 39/A, CMC. Khatha No 54.53,52,51,50, situated at Talakaveri Nagar,Krishnarajapuram Hobli Vibuthipura village,Bangalore South taluk, Bangalore 560037, standing in the name of Mr.Ashok Raj and Mrs Joice Mettelidha. Site measuring East to West (65+53)/2, (53+40)/2, (40+30)/2, (30+18)/2, (18+00)/2 feet from North to South 30,30,30,30,30 feet totally measuring 1770+1395+1050+720+720=5205 sq.ft. and bounded on: East: BY Road and Remaining portion of Site No. 43/A, 42/A, 41/A, 40/A, 39/A, West: By site Nos. 43,42,41,40,39, North: BY Site No. 38/A and Road, South: By site No. 44/A
Reserve Price is Rs.375.00 lakhs **Earnest Money of Rs.37,50,000/-**

2) EMT of vacant residential site No 46/A, 45/A, 44/A, CMC Khatha No S57, 56,55, situated at Talakaveri Nagar,Krishnarajapuram Hobli Vibuthipura village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Bangalore 560 037 standing in the name of Mr.Ashok Raj and Mrs Joice Mettelidha measuring East to West (92+90)/2, (90+75)/2, (75+65)/2 feet from North to South 54,30,30 feet totally measuring 4914+2475+2100=9489 s.ft and bounded on East: By road and remaining portion of Site No. 45/A,44/A, West: BY site Nos 46,45,44, North: By site No. 43/A, South: By Private Property
Reserve Price is Rs.683.00 lakhs **Earnest Money of Rs.68,30,000/-**

3) EMT of free hold residential L & B situated at No 537/PID No 54-171-537/2nd phase, 6th block, BBMP ward 54, Banashankari 3rd stage (ward No 54/Srinivasanagar) Bangalore standing in the name of Mrs M Vani and Mrs Vedamma measuring 2896 sq ft built up area 4009.85 sq ft bounded by: East: Site No. 536, West: Site No. 538, North: Road, South: Site No. 578
Reserve Price is Rs.319 lakhs **Earnest Money of Rs.31,90,000/-**

4) EMT of vacant residential site No 1G2, Khatha No 1248/1G2, Sy Nos 190/P-4 to P-14, P-18 & P19, P-22 to P24, P-27, P-28, P-32 to P-38, P-44, P-46, P-48 & P-49. Con No ALN (A) (K&A) /SR/154/CW-210, 15,211, 156, 212/2005-06 & No ALN/SR(A) 536/04-05, Ballur Village, Attibele hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore urban district, Bangalore 562107 standing in the name the company. Site admeasuring 1500 sq ft bounded by: East: 30 Ft. Road, West: Site No. 1C, North: Private Property, South: Site No 1G1
Reserve Price is Rs.22.00 lakhs **Earnest Money of Rs.2,20,000/-**

5) EMT of vacant residential site No 1C, Khatha No 1248/1C, Sy Nos 190/P-4 to P-14, P-18 & P19, P-22 to P24, P-27, P-28, P-32 to P-38, P-44, P-46, P-48 & P-49. Con No ALN (A) (K&A) /SR/154/CW-210, 15,211, 156, 212/2005-06 & No ALN/SR(A) 536/04-05, Ballur Village, Attibele hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore urban district, Bangalore 562107 standing in the name the company. Site admeasuring 5200 sq ft. bounded by: East: Site No. 1D, 1G1 & 1G2, West: Site No. 1B, North: Private Property, South: 60Ft.Road
Reserve Price is Rs.78.00 lakhs **Earnest Money of Rs.7,80,000/-**

6) EMT of Vacant residential site No 1G1, Khatha No 1248/1G1 Sy Nos 190/P-4 to P-14, P-18 & P19, P-22 to P24, P-27, P-28, P-32 to P-38, P-44, P-46, P-48 & P-49. Con No ALN (A) (K&A) /SR/154/CW-210, 15,211, 156, 212/2005-06 & No ALN/SR(A) 536/04-05, Ballur Village, Attibele hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore urban district, Bangalore 562107 standing in the name of the company. Site admeasuring 1500 sq ft bounded by: East: 30Ft. Road, West: Site No. 1C, North: Site No. 1G2, South: Site No. 1F & 1D
Reserve Price is Rs.22.00 lakhs **Earnest Money of Rs.2,20,000/-**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website: www.canarabank.com or may contact Chief manager, LARGE CORPORATE BRANCH, Bangalore, Canara bank , Ph. No: 080-25599254 during office hours on any working day.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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I, Siddhartha S Dabhadre, S/o. Sampat Dabhadre, R/at No.115, Sai Garden Near Sreeram Swagruha Apartment Vidyanarayapura, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560097. I have changed my minor son's name from 'SACHIN S DABHADE' to 'SACHIN NILIMA SIDDHARTHAR' Vide affidavit dated 04.12.2020 Sworn before Advocate & Notary Varja C.J, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, APOORVA SRINIVAS, Resident at No. 24, 1st Avenue, Teachers Colony, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 034, have changed my name from APOORVA CHANDRASHEKARAPPA to APOORVA SRINIVAS vide affidavit dated 11.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary A.S. Narayana Reddy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. Sudha Karajagi, D/o Mr. K U Karajagi, aged about 44 years, (date of birth 31.07.1976) Residing at House No.8225, Prestige Lakeside Habitat Apt, Gurjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore-560087, Karnataka. I state that, as per Aadhar card my name is wrongly mentioned as Mrs. SUDHA SARAVANAN instead of "Mrs. SUDHA KARAJAGI" hereby declare that, my correct name is "Mrs. SUDHA KARAJAGI" only. vide Affidavit dated 14.12.2020, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public, Yankoba, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SURESH GOWDA S/o Krishnegowda, R/at Dandipada, Boisar East, Dandi Palghar, Maharashtra, Pin-401501, today at Maharastra, have changed my name to SURESH KRISHNA GOWDA vide affidavit dated: 15/12/2020 Before Notary V.Srinivasa Reddy Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHIRUSINGH N. CHAWHAN, Date of birth 28-10-1960, now aged about 60 years, S/o Noorsingh, residing at No. 148, 4th Main, 6th A Cross, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, Bangalore-560076, have changed my name as BHARATISINGH N. CHAWHAN and correspondence and other purposes my is CHAWHAN B.N. or B.N. CHAWHAN, the said Two names belongs to name me only and they are not distinct or different, vide affidavit dated 15-12-2020 before Notary Public H.S. DHARMA PRASAD, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Naztab Kerman Khursetjee, Daughter of Kerman Minoo Khursetjee and Wife of Malcolm Rohinton Cooper, aged about 29 years, residing at 9, The Lady Jehangir Kothari Memorial Hall Annexe, 14/1, Venkataswamy Naidu Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 051, have changed my name from Naztab Kerman Khursetjee to Naztab Khursetjee-Cooper vide affidavit dated 10.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Prakash C, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRAVEEN, S/o Grurubasappa, aged about 29 years, R/at No.44, Wind Flower Layout, Sonnenahalli Colony, 1st Main, 4th Cross, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-560049, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from CHANNAPPA to PRAVEEN, hereafter I shall be known and called as PRAVEEN only, vide affidavit dated 15.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary C.SASIKALA, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, NO. 15349597M HAV Gawai Gunwantrao Laxman, Serving in ADMC, Near Ayyappa Temple, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560033, hereby state that in my service records my Son's name is wrongly mentioned as ANSH instead of GAWAI ANSH GUNWANTRAO I, Further declare that his correct name is GAWAI ANSH GUNWANTRAO, vide affidavit Dated 14/12/2020 sworn before Notary C. Santhosh, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AUTO ITIHAS, S/o.Rudraiah, R/at. Muttegepura, Chickmagalur -577132. Have changed my name from NAGARAJ.M.R to AUTO ITIHAS, vide affidavit dated 11.12.2020 sworn before notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya Bangalore-560040.

AFFIDAVIT

I, HEMA PAROLKAR, D/o Bhaskar Parolkar, aged about 52 years, R/at Flat No. G1, 1st Floor, Sai Pride, 3rd Main Road, Vinayaknagar, Murugesapalya, HAL Post, Bangalore-560017, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. HEMA PAROLKAR & HEMA MAHAMUNE are one and the same and belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from HEMA PAROLKAR to HEMA MAHAMUNE, vide affidavit dated 15.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary O.S. CHENGAPPA, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, NO. 15349597M HAV Gawai Gunwantrao Laxman, Serving in ADMC, Near Ayyappa Temple, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560033, hereby state that in my service records my Wife's name and D.O.B is wrongly mentioned as SMT GAWAI G MEENA and 29/09/1990, instead of GAWAI MEENA GUNWANTRAO and 29/09/1992. I further declare that her correct name is GAWAI MEENA GUNWANTRAO and her D.O.B is 29/09/1992, respectively vide affidavit Dated 14/12/2020 sworn before Notary C.Santhosh, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHUDASAMA YODENRASINH GAMBHIRSINH, S/o. Chudasama, permanent address Madapur Village, Mangrol Post, Junagadh Dist., Gujarat - 362225, presently residing at J.C. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 006, do hereby declare that my name is CHUDASAMA GAMBHIRSINH MULJI, but in Army Documents, my father's name is mentioned as GAMBHIRSINH and his correct date of birth is 01/01/1965. But in my Army sheet roll / Army Service records my father date of birth wrongly entered as 01/07/1985. Hereinafter I will be known and called as CHUDASAMA GAMBHIRSINH MULJI only. Vide affidavit dated 11.12.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary G.R. Bhavani, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, SANJAY KUMAR CYRIL, aged about 29 years, S/o Charanjit Ram, R/at No.G-342, 9th Cross, old Town Ship, HAL colony, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560017, do hereby declare that in all my school records registered as and Aadhar Card, PAN Card, Passport mentioned as SANJAY KUMAR CYRIL, and at the time of Baptism by name was registered as BESCHI ASYAN SANJAY, now I have changed my name from BESCHI ASYAN SANJAY to SANJAY KUMAR CYRIL, vide affidavit dated 12.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary G. KASPAR, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, NO. 15349597M HAV Gawai Gunwantrao Laxman, Serving in ADMC, Near Ayyappa Temple, Banaswadi, Bangalore-560033, hereby state that in my service records my Son's name is wrongly mentioned as ANAM instead of GAWAI ANAM GUNWANTRAO I, Further declare that his correct name is GAWAI ANAM GUNWANTRAO, vide affidavit Dated 14/12/2020 sworn before Notary C.Santhosh, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAMA SAYI RAVELLA S/o Samba Shiva Rao Ravella, R/at No.65, Venkatadri Nilaya, 2nd main, 3rd cross, Friends Layout, Seegehalli, Bangalore -560049 have changed my name to RAM SAI RAVELLA vide affidavit dated:15/12/2020 Before Notary Ganesh Gowda M.V Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. JC 311952Y SUB A.Picha Muthu Unit:CIW, Depot BN, MEK & Centre, Bangalore-560042, have changed my Son name from P.SAROON to A.P.SAROON vide affidavit Dated 06/02/2020 sworn before Notary L. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Neha Varsha D Souza, D/o Vincent D Souza, aged 19 years, residing at No. 272, Byrappa Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Nagashettyhalli, Saijanyanagar, Bangalore-94, Karnataka, India, changed my name from NEHA VARSHA D SOUZA to NEHA VARSHA D SOUZA vide affidavit dated 14 December 2020, sworn before Notary Jalandhara, Reg. No. 12305.

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BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Traffic Commercial Department, Central Office, 2nd Floor, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-27.
No. BMT/CO/TR/COM/2921/2020-21 Dt: 15.12.2020

SHORT-TERM TENDER/NEGOTIATION
NOTIFICATION No: 19/2020-21 (e-Procurement Platform)
Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites offers/bids from the experienced, qualified, interested persons/agency/company/firm through e-procurement platform for grant of License to run and maintain Commercial/Office spaces available at the newly constructed BTM Layout bus Station complexes under "as is where is basis" condition for a period of 12 years. And invites offers/bids for grant of License to run and maintain built-up Samudaya Bhavana behind Kattariguppe BMTC Bus Depot for a period of 06(six) years.

(1) Last date & time for submission of bids is on: **28.12.2020 up to 12:00 hrs.** (2) Opening of Technical/ Financial bids is on: **30.12.2020 at 12:30 hrs.** (3) Opening of Financial bids is on: **05.01.2021 at 12:30 hrs.** Details for Rent, EMD & Area etc. log on to: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & Contact no: 080-23010900; 23010901; 22371090; 22340060; 22340948 or 7760991026 & 7760997519. e-Mail: ctmc@mybmtc.com

Sd/- Chief Traffic Manager (Com)
DIPR/DDU/2030/MCA/2020-21 (Tender inviting Authority)

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Government of Karnataka RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division Belagavi Near Krishna Devaraya Circle, 1st Floor of PRED Division, Nehru Nagar -590010

No.RDW&S/ BGM/PB-2,3,4/TND- 49/KW-3/2020-21/2957 Dated:14-12-2020

ITEM RATE RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT)

The Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Belagavi invites item rate tenders on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State Government from the eligible contractors registered in E-procurement portal in Panchayati Raj Engineering Department under KW-3 standard tender document. Financial Bid procedure will be carried out as per KTTP Act Rule No.28. Eligible Bidder should submit their available tender capacity (as per the guidelines in clause-3 of SBD). Bidder should meet the minimum qualifying criteria specified for the work, the tenderers are advised to note that, minimum qualification specified in clause-3 of the instruction of tenders to qualify for award of the contract. Standard Tender Document-KW-3 (Two Cover System).

1.Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement portal web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 16-12-2020, 2.Tenders must be accompanied by earnest money deposit for the work as shown in the table below. 3.Blank tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 4.Tender must be submitted through online in e-Procurement portal on 28-12-2020 before 17:30 Hours on and the opening of tender will be as per e-Procurement portal guidelines. 5.The opening of tender will be on 30-12-2020 before 11:00 Hours. 6.Other details can be seen in e-procurement portal web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost put to Tender (Rs. In Lakhs)	EMD Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)	Period of completion of work.	Class of Contractor
	Belagavi Taluka				
1	Providing FHTC's to 42 Households in Goundwad habitation of Gound wad village, Belagavi Taluka in Belagavi District through Kakati & other 07 Village other villages in Belagavi District (55 LPCD) [INDENT No.- 26460/Call-2]	53.76	1.08	90 Days	Class III & above
	Baihongal Taluka				
1	Providing FHTC's to 773 Households in Turakarshighihalli habitation of Turakarshighihalli village, Baihongal Taluka in Belagavi District through MVS to Budarakatti village & 21 other villages in Belagavi District (55 LPCD) [INDENT No.- 26277/Call-2]	65.45	1.31	120 Days	Class III & above
2	Providing FHTC's to 573 Households in Chikkabagewadi habitation of Chikkabagewadi village, Baihongal Taluka in Belagavi District through MVS to Chikkabagewadi village & 4 other villages in Belagavi District (55 LPCD) [INDENT No.-26444/ Call-2]	99.43	1.99	120 Days	Class III & above
	Khanapur Taluka				
1	Providing FHTC's to 50 Households in Daroli habitation of Daroli village, Providing FHTC's to 55 Households in K o k a n w a d a h a b i t a t i o n of Kokanwada village, Providing FHTC's to 29 Households in HARIJANWADA habitation of Harijanwada village, Providing FHTC's to 95 Households in Nilawade habitation of Nilawade village, Khanapur Taluka in Belagavi District through SVS to Daroli village in Belagavi District (55 LPCD) [INDENT No.-26290/ Call-2]	50.87	1.02	90 Days	Class III & above
2	Providing FHTC's to 517 Households in Avaroli habitation of Avaroli village, Providing FHTC's to 117 H o u s e h o l d s in Bilaki habitation of Bilaki village, Khanapur Taluka in Belagavi District through SVS to Avaroli village in Belagavi District (55 LPCD) [INDENT No.-26292/Call-2]	71.69	1.43	120 Days	Class III & above
	Saundatti Taluka				



India's woman wrestler Anshu Malik entered the final of 57kg in the Individual World Cup being held in Belgrade, Serbia. She beat Veronika Chumikova of Russia 7-4 in the semifinal. Earlier, she had won two bouts to reach the last-four round. The Haryana grappler will face Moldova's Anastasia Nichita in the final on Wednesday.

AT HOME, SANS COMFORTS

Not given venues they wanted and counting injuries, Australia not in best possible shape before first Test as India look to draw first blood at Adelaide

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

ASEARLY as last year, Australia captain Tim Paine had mentioned the importance of starting the Test series against India in Brisbane. It was a different world back then. Even though New Zealand and Pakistan were scheduled for the 2019/20 Australian summer, the hosts were already talking of India, who inflicted on them a series defeat at home on pitches that the hosts didn't like.

After a decade of fiery rivalry, the 2018/19 series was different. Sure, there was a Virat Kohli-Paine spat, but it hardly matched the temperature levels one had got used to in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Paine

wanted to set the record straight this time, which is why they wanted Gabba for the first Test. It's a venue where Australia have not lost a Test in 31 years. It is where Australia are used to pushing the tourists to the back foot and then landing punches they don't recover from. Brisbane, followed by Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney was what Paine and Australia wanted then.

Over decades, they built a reputation of being bad hosts, who didn't mind making the visiting side's stay as hard as possible. And this is what Paine had in mind back then. But the pandemic has trashed those plans. Although they wanted to start the Test series at the Gab-



Team India in the middle of a fitness drill at the Adelaide Oval on Tuesday | AFP

ba, the Queensland government's firm stand to not allow quarantining in Brisbane meant they had to alter plans. Now, the last Test will be played in Brisbane.

Their team might not like it, but Cricket Australia has been a welcoming host, so much so that the schedule was made according to India's liking. After a long time, a team will play the first Test after spending 34 days in Australia. They have considerable rest between the second and third Tests. This is not what Paine & Co wanted.

On top of that, Australia are now dealing with numerous injury-related headaches. David Warner is unavailable and so is Will Pucovski. Alternatives like

Marcus Harris and Joe Burns don't have runs behind them. New hope Cameron Green hasn't cleared concussion test yet. And if these weren't enough, Steve Smith didn't train on Tuesday because of a sore back. Unlike India, who have more or less confirmed their XI, Australia are still waiting. Langer, however, confirmed that Marcus Labuschagne will not be promoted from No 3 to stop-gap opener in place of Burns.

"He's a very good player (Burns), you don't lose your talent overnight. He also understands that runs are the great currency to any player and he's been a bit light on that. We'll get eyes on him, see how he's going, have a chat. We'll

make our decision on who will open in the next day or so. We'll try and stay as settled as possible while David is injured. We've got some tough decisions to make," Langer said Tuesday.

Even though playing a half-fit Smith would be a risk, it would at least ensure Australia are strong on paper. They usually reveal the XI a day before the match, but such are the times that Langer himself isn't sure. "We've got to pick our six best (batsmen) and that's all part of the jigsaw puzzle. There's a lot of balls in the air; I wish we could be more definite, not only for you guys but for our players. But until we get a few things ticked off, we can't make a decision," he added.

Hot under home lights

Australia have played all 7 of their DN Tests at home, with a 100 per cent success rate. A brief look at how they achieved it...

ADELAIDE (NOV 27-29, 2015)

Bowlers won it for Australia. They first rescued the team from 116/8 in the first innings. Josh Hazlewood's 6/30 then tilted it Australia's way, making sure they weren't chasing a big total.

New Zealand 202 & 208 lost to Australia 224 & 187/7.

ADELAIDE (NOV 24-27, 2016)

Usman Khawaja's 146 topped a big batting effort in the first innings, which made the difference, centuries from Far du Plessis & Stephen Cook notwithstanding.

South Africa 259/9 decl & 250 lost to Australia 383 & 127/3.

BRISBANE (DEC 15-19, 2016)

Trailing by 287 in the 1st innings, Pakistan came incredibly close to winning it. Asad Shafiq's 137 kept them in it for much longer than expected. They fell short by 39 runs.

Australia 429 & 202/5 decl bt Pakistan 142 & 450.

ADELAIDE (DEC 2-6, 2017)

The hosts caved in in the second innings, but the big first-innings lead courtesy Shaun Marsh's 126 not out and Nathan Lyon's 4/69 proved to be decisive.

Australia 442/8 decl & 138 bt England 227 & 233.

BRISBANE (JAN 24-26, 2019)

Pat Cummins's 10-wicket match haul (4/39 & 6/23) never allowed the visitors a chance. Marcus Labuschagne posted his maiden Test half-century (81).

Sri Lanka 144 & 139 lost to Australia 323.

ADELAIDE (NOV 29-DEC 2, 2019)

Pakistan failed to overtake David Warner's unbeaten 335 in either innings. Leg-spinner Yasir Shah recorded a surprise maiden century. It remains his only 50-plus in Tests.

Australia 589/3 decl bt Pakistan 302 & 239.

PERTH (DEC 12-15, 2019)

Labuschagne (143 & 50) was in the middle of a scoring spree and Mitchell Starc (5/52 & 4/45) was on song. It was too much for New Zealand to handle.

Australia 416 & 217/9 decl bt New Zealand 266 & 271.

Wrestling nationals in separate locations

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

CONSIDERING the pandemic situation, Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has decided to organise the 2020 nationals next month in batches in separate locations. It is learnt that Noida, Agra and Gonda (all in UP) are under consideration to stage the events, most probably after January 20.

Competitions in all three categories — freestyle, Greco-Roman and women's wrestling — are likely in separate venues. There is another possibility, of organising the men's competitions in one venue and holding women's events in another.

"We have decided to organise nationals in batches. Venues will be different. A circular in this regard will be issued soon, informing state units about the events," Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, WFI's president, told this daily. He didn't elaborate on locations and dates.

Earlier, the WFI had planned to hold the nationals in Gonda from December 18-20, but was forced to defer it due to the pandemic. The rescheduling also means 2021 will witness two nationals.

It is learnt that the championship may begin with competitions in the freestyle category followed by Greco-Roman.

"Men's competitions (freestyle and Greco-Roman) are likely to be held on January 22, 23 and 24 while women's wrestling could be organised on January 28 and 29," informed a source. "The federation is working on Covid protocols. Once it is done, the WFI will apprise member units of protocols and the schedule," added the source.

The federation has to inform member units at least one month in advance before finalising the schedule, as they too have to conduct trials to select wrestlers in each of the 10 weight categories. The WFI has 27 members including Railways and Services.

Camp from Wednesday

Camp for medallists from the previous nationals will begin at SAI Sonapat on Wednesday. Top three men wrestlers from each category will attend. Earlier, the WFI had started camps in Olympic men's and women's weight categories. The men's camp was in Sonapat, women's in Lucknow. The women's camp was discontinued after a short Diwali break. The men's camp continued before participants left for the Individual World Cup in Belgrade. These wrestlers will rejoin the camp after returning. No decision has been taken on commencement of the women's camp.

28 of 37 units to vote at BCCI AGM in Ahm'bad

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY @Chennai

THE final electoral list ahead of the BCCI's annual general meeting slated for December 24 was out on Tuesday. There are no changes from the draft list released a few days earlier. As reported back then, several state associations stay out of the election process. Of the 37 units eligible to vote as per the BCCI constitution, 28 feature on the final list.

Punjab, Rajasthan, J&K, Odisha, Tripura and Meghalaya are the state associations missing. Three institutions with voting rights — Railways, Services, Association of Universities — have also been left out. Elections will be held for the post of vice-president, which is vacant since the resignation of Mahim Verma in February, and two seats in the IPL Governing Council.

Although electoral officer AK Joti, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, didn't cite any reason in the notice put up on the BCCI's website, it is believed that these units did not follow rules. For example, officials of Tripura, Odisha and Meghalaya told this newspaper that they sent the names of their representatives after the last date of December 11. The secretary of the Rajasthan association said this might be the case with them as well. Punjab and J&K spoke of a communication problem.

For Railways, Services and Association of Universities, nominating someone itself is a process. The BCCI constitution says that representatives of these three institutional bodies have to be elected by an association of former players within these bodies. They cannot be chosen by the Railways/Services sports control board of the Association of Indian Universities. It's not clear if these three have players' associations as specified in the constitution. Those willing to contest have to file their candidature on December 16 and 17. After scrutiny, announcement of valid candidates and withdrawals, the final list of contesting candidates will be out on December 19. The AGM will take place in Ahmedabad. Those attending will arrive on December 22 and undergo RT-PCR tests a day later.



LOCAL EXPRESS

RBG Champions Golf third leg starts today

ENS @Bengaluru

The third leg of the RBG Champions Golf Development Tour (South Zone) is set to tee off at the Eagleton Golf Resort here from Wednesday. The three day-event will see a depleted yet competitive field with five players having travelled from Mumbai, three from Hyderabad, once each from Chandigarh, Pune and Visakhapatnam among others.

Girish, Geetha take lead in bowling championship

Girish Gaba and Geetha Poojary are in lead in the men's and women's categories respectively at the end of Round 1 at the sixth Karnataka State Tenpin Bowling Championships here on Tuesday. Girish scored 1257 pins in six games, averaging 209.5 and moved to top position with total pinfall of 2387. Defending champion Kishan R dropped to second. Geetha had a fine day with 1067 pins and went top in the women's category. Premal Joan slipped to second place.

EXPRESS READ

Santana stars in HFC win over SC East Bengal

GOA: Thirty-nine seconds was all it took for Aridane Santana to turn the game around as Hyderabad FC condemned SC East Bengal to another defeat in the ISL on Tuesday. East Bengal took lead through Jacques Maghoma (26'). But Aridane swept aside any hopes of a first win with a 56th-minute brace, separated by 39 seconds. Halicharan Narzary (68') put HFC further ahead. Maghoma scored again (81') but Hyderabad held on for a 3-2 win.



Aridane Santana heads home Hyderabad FC's second goal against East Bengal at the Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco on Tuesday | ISI

Sreesanth, Yuvraj in SMA T20 probables

CHENNAI: Former India pacer S Sreesanth has moved closer to a return to competitive cricket after being named in a 26-strong probables list by Kerala for the upcoming Syed Musthaq Ali Trophy T20 tournament, which is scheduled to start from January 10. Yuvraj Singh has also been named in Punjab squad pending Board of Control for Cricket in India's clearance.

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The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount
Rs. 4,22,00,000/-	Rs. 42,20,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-

Last Date for Submission of EMD is 04.01.2021.
Description of properties: Tender No: SBI/ARMB/RAJ/001
All that piece and parcel of building with super built up area of 7000 sq ft and the land bearing No.73/39 Khatha No.57 having BBMP Khata No.58/57/73/39 in ward no.160 belonging to Mrs. Shanti B measuring 1200 sq ft and bounded on East by: Site No.37, West by: Road, North by: Site No.40 and South by: Site No.38. and Property bearing no.40, Khata No.73, BBMP Khata No.248/252/73/40 in ward no.160, New PID No.160-WO-129-1-7 situated at Hoskere halli village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk belonging to Mr.Chakradhar B measuring 1200 sqft and bounded on East by: Property No.36, West by: Road, North by: Road and South by: Property bearing No.39(Building constructed on Adjacent sides).
Total measuring 2400 sqft formerly coming under the Municipal Council Rajarajeswari Nagar (Pattannagere) Nagar sabhe, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of BBMP.

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Date : 14.12.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, ARMB, Bengaluru

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

Parks Department

P.D.C.No.P2/1323/2020

e- TENDER NOTICE

Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer / Parks for the following work as per details furnished below:

Major improvement to existing playground and formation of new indoor Badminton court, Tennis court, Skating rink and other sports field including necessary lighting arrangement at Canal Bank Road, Kotturpuram abutting Patrick College in Dn-175, Zone-13

Approx. value of work is **Rs.485.00 Lakhs - E.M.D: 4,85,000/-**

For more information see www.tntenders.gov.in and www.chennai corporation.gov.in

Due Date and Time for Submission of tender: **20.01.2021 upto 3.00 pm**

Tender opening date and time: **21.01.2021 at 3.30 pm**

Pre bid meeting date and time: **30.12.2020 at 3.00 pm.**

CPFR 4694/Tender/2020

Superintending Engineer /Parks

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client are (1) Sri Shankarappa Angadi son of Gudadeerappa Angadi resident of Halgera, Koppal Dist. (2) Smt. Dakshayani Angadi Wife of Sri Shankarappa Angadi Resident of Halgera, Koppal Dist. (3) Sri. Vishwanath Angadi son of Sri Shankarappa Angadi Resident of Halgera, Koppal Dist. (4) Sri. Prashantha Angadi son of Sri Shankarappa Angadi Resident of Halgera, Koppal Dist. and (5) Sri Narashimha son of Sri B.M. Krishna Resident of Bidadi Hobli, Ramanganar Dist. have agreed to mortgage the property mentioned in the schedule hereto, to my Investor's.

All persons claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at lender's assignee's office at SF- 25, second floor, cross river mall, CBD Shadra, Delhi-10095 or call on Mr. Harish Kumar Pal, Mobile 9818667666, Within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the said sale will be completed, without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

Schedule of the Property Description

Details of the Land	Name of the Land Owner	Location of The land
Sy No. 291/2 (01 Acr-12 Guntas)	Sri. Shankarappa Angadi S/o. Gudadeerappa Angadi	Halgera, Dist – Koppal
SL No. 232 GP No. 158 (1116 Sq. Ft)	Sri. Shankarappa Angadi S/o. Gudadeerappa Angadi	Halgera, Dist – Koppal
Sy No. 291/1 (02 Acr)	Smt. Dakshayani Angadi W/o. Shankarappa Angadi	Halgera, Dist – Koppal
Sy No. 292/7 (43124.43 Sft)	Sri. Shankarappa Angadi S/o. Gudadeerappa Angadi	Halgera, Dist – Koppal
Sy No. 240 Plot No. 11 (1200 Sqft)	Sri. Vishwanath Angadi S/o. Shankarappa Angadi	Gavishri Nagar Koppala Town, Dist – Koppal
Sy No. 240 Plot No. 12 (1200 Sqft)	Sri. Prashantha Angadi S/o. Shankarappa Angadi	Gavishri Nagar Koppala Town, Dist – Koppal
Sy No. 241 (57,717.35 Sq. Ft)	Shri Narashimha S/o, B.M. Krishna	5th Stage, Halagevaderhalli, Rajarajeswari Nagar, Hobli, Bangalore Taluk

Partners - Siddu Angadi (Sri.Shambhavi Cotton, Ginning and Pressing)

Sd/- Advocate
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The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount
Rs. 36,00,000/-	Rs. 3,60,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-

Last Date for Submission of EMD is 04.01.2021.
Description of properties: Tender No: SBI/ARMB/RAJ/002
All that piece and parcel of the residential flat bearing No. 303, Second Floor, Software Icons-I Apartment, AECS Layout, Lakshminarayanaapur, Bangalore- 560037, constructed on Site No. 10, 11 & 12, House List Khata No. 25/10, 25/11 & 25/12. Now bearing Mahadevapura CMC Khata bearing No. 133, 136 & 139, Munnekolavillage, 4th Cross, Lakshminarayanaapur, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, with a super built up area of 1200 Sq. Ft., with one covered car parking space No.303 and an undivided share in the land conveyed in 450 Sq. Ft. of undivided share, right, title, interest, ownership in the land and the flat standing in the name of Sri Avanish Kumar Ojha, and bounded on: North: Flat no 302, South:-Flat no 304, East:-30 Feet Road and west:-Set Back Area.

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Date : 14.12.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, ARMB

Japan scientists left stunned by asteroid sample

Quality and quantity of material collected from 300 million kilometres away

ASTROPHYSICS

TOKYO: Scientists in Japan said on Tuesday they were left "speechless" when they saw how much asteroid dust was inside a capsule delivered by the Hayabusa-2 space probe in an unprecedented mission.

The Japanese probe collected surface dust and pristine material last year from the asteroid Ryugu, around 300 million kilometres (200 million miles) away,



I was speechless. It was more than we expected. It wasn't fine particles like powder, but there were plenty of samples that measured several millimetres across

Hirohisa Sawada, JAXA scientist

sule's inner container, having already found a small amount of asteroid dust in the outer shell. "When we actually opened it, I was speechless. It was more than we expected and there was so much that I was truly impressed," said JAXA scientist Hirohisa Sawada.

"It wasn't fine particles like powder, but there were plenty of samples that measured several millimetres across."

Scientists hope the material will shed light on the formation of the universe and perhaps offer clues about how life began on Earth.

The scientists have not yet revealed if the material inside is equal to, or perhaps even more, than the 0.1 grams they had said they hoped to discover.

Seiichi Watanabe, a Hayabusa project scientist and professor at Nagoya University, said he was nonetheless thrilled. "There are a lot (of samples) and it seems they contain plenty of organic matter," he said. "So I hope we can find out many things about how organic substances have developed on the parent body of Ryugu."

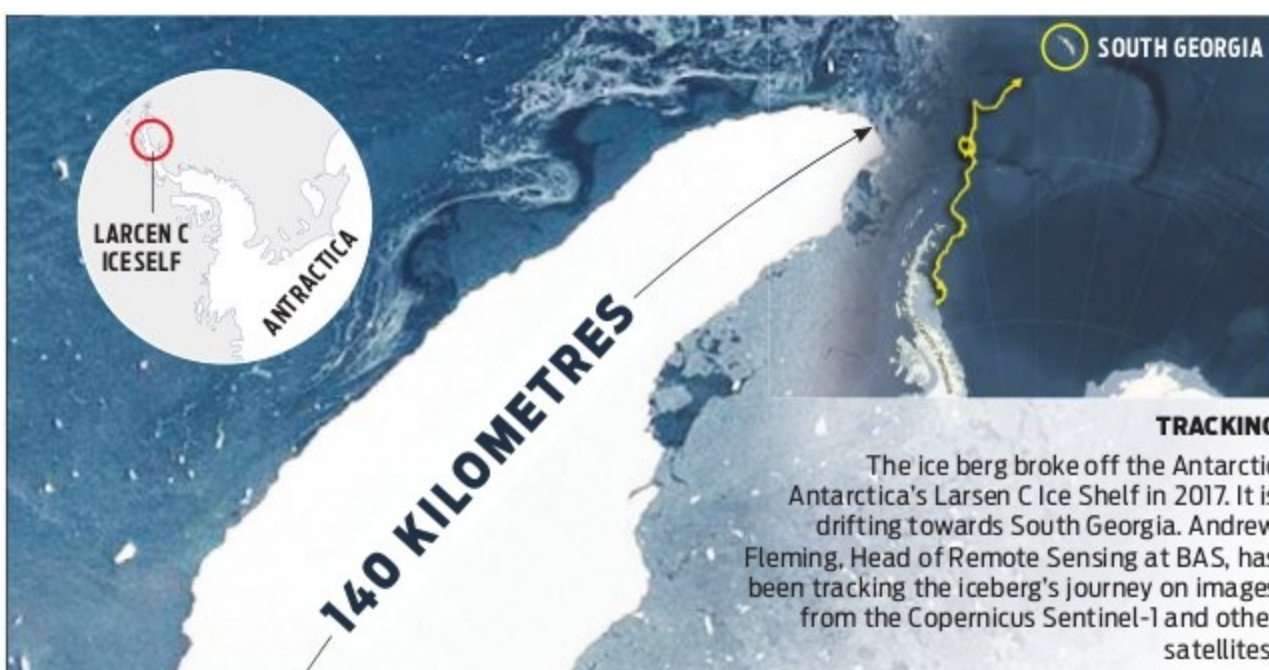
Half of Hayabusa-2's samples will be shared between JAXA, US space agency NASA and other international organisations. The rest will be kept for future study as advances are made in analytic technology.

But work is not over for the probe, which will now begin an extended mission targeting two new asteroids.

during two daring phases of its six-year mission.

This month it dropped off a capsule containing the samples, which created a fireball as it entered the Earth's atmosphere, and landed in the Australian desert before being transported to Japan.

Scientists at the Japanese space agency JAXA on Tuesday removed the screws to the cap-



"The iceberg is going to cause devastation to the sea floor by scouring the seabed communities of sponges, brittle stars, worms and sea-urchins, so decreasing biodiversity. These communities help store large amounts of carbon in their body tissue and surrounding sediment. Destruction by the iceberg will release this stored carbon back into the water and, potentially, the atmosphere, which would be a further negative impact."

Professor Geraint Tarling, an ecologist at British Antarctic Survey

FROM THE DEPTH OF OCEAN

5,800 SQ KM
ORIGINAL SIZE

3,900 SQ KM
CURRENT SIZE

200M
BELOW THE WATER

31M-38M
ABOVE WATER

IN SIZE AND SHAPE, IT'S AS BIG AS JAMAICA

If the berg lodges at the island's southeast flank, it could remain for up to 10 years before ice melts or breaks away. Around 2 million penguins, including King penguins, Gentoos, Macaronis and Chinstraps, could be facing problems to reach the waters to feed their young



SUBMERSIBLE GLIDERS

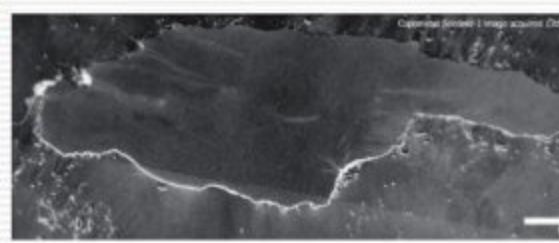
Underwater gliders are small submersible robotic vehicles, which are designed to operate autonomously for months at a time. Rather than using a propeller, they move by changing their buoyancy, and wings convert this into forward motion. Two 1.5-metre long untethered submersible gliders will be used to collect data from underwater. They will depart from Falkland Islands in late January

FUNDING

The research expedition to A-68a has been funded by a combination of the Natural Environment Research Council, the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme.

SHIP

Mission is taking place on the National Oceanography Centre's ship RRS James Cook.



Satellite (Sentinel 1, Dec 13) images show the iceberg is 140kms in length and around 75 kms from the island

EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT

Bracing for a deep impact

World's largest iceberg is drifting towards South Georgia, one of the most ecologically sensitive areas on the planet. Scientists hurriedly get together to find out more about the impact. Here's how and why...

THE MISSION

A research mission to determine the impact of the giant A-68a iceberg on one of the world's most important ecosystems gets underway next month. According to a press release by British Antarctic Survey (BAS), a team of its scientists will set sail on a National Oceanography Centre's 9NOC ship bound for the South Georgia.

TIP OF AN ICEBERG

Though icebergs are common in the Antarctic, but according to scientists, iceberg this big is not seen for quite some time. The A-68a at present is 140km across with a surface area of 3900 sq km and is expected to close in on South Georgia continental shelf by next month. It is so large that experts feel, if grounded, it could be lethal. As it melts and breaks down it could be releasing tonnes of fresh water into the ocean that might have an impact on the salinity, temperature and its marine life.

THE RESEARCH

They are expected to spend almost four months collecting measurements of seawater salinity, temperature, and chlorophyll from opposite sides of the iceberg, piloted over satellite link by personnel at NOC and BAS.

The team will also measure how much plankton is in the water and compare their findings with long-term oceanographic and wildlife studies around South Georgia and Bird Island. The team collect data from close to the iceberg that will be needed to enable to understand the implications of what is taking place with A-68a.

THE MARINE LIFE

Waters around South Georgia are recognised as one of the most biologically rich places on the planet with more described marine species than the Galapagos, and is one of the world's largest Marine Protected Areas. The berg, if it grounds off island, poses a risk to penguins and seals during breeding season in Dec. Seals are better off because they produce milk for pups.

FRESH WATER IMPACT

The team will study impact of freshwater from melting ice into a region of ocean that sustains colonies of penguins, seals and whales.

Ecological survey of six Indian rivers

ENVIRONMENT

DEHRADUN: WILDLIFE Institute of India, Dehradun will be conducting ecological survey of six major rivers of India- Mahanadi, Periyar, Godavari, Kaveri, Narmada and Barak. The survey will be conducted under National River Conservation Plan to assess ecological status of the rivers and ecosystem around these rivers.

Dhananjai Mohanz director of the WII said, "This will help in determining health of the rivers and further conservation efforts. The survey of all six riv-

ers will take at least an year. Teams are being formed and survey will start soon." The six rivers are in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and northeastern states. The survey will be focussing on determining 'Ecological Status' of all the six rivers which includes flora and fauna, level of pollution and effect of human intervention on ecosystem.

In September, according to a report released by Central Pollution Control Board, water quality of five major rivers in the country, including the Ganga, deteriorated during the lock-

down. Meanwhile, an improvement is witnessed in water qualities of Brahmaputra, Cauvery, Godavari, Krishna, Tapi and Yamuna. According to the report, the quality of water in seven of 19 rivers monitored by SPCBs improved is lockdown. The CPCB said it had asked SPCBs to assess water quality of Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Krishna, Narmada, Beas, Brahmaputra, Baitarani, Brahmani, Cauvery, Chambal, Ghaggar, Mahanadi, Mahi, Pennar, Sabarmati, Sutlej, Suwarnarekha and Tapi. — VINEET UPADHYAY



RING-SIDE VIEW

The total solar eclipse viewed from Piedra del Aguila in Argentina on Monday. This is the last solar eclipse of 2020 | AFP

Moderna vaccine looks good, says US regulator

HEALTH

THE US Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday released a positively-worded briefing document about the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine, a strong sign that a group of experts that meets in two days could vote to approve it.

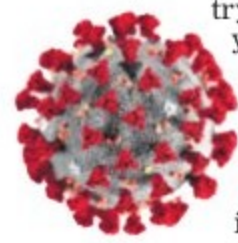
The agency said there were "no specific safety concerns identified that would preclude issuance of an EUA (emergency use authorization)" and confirmed an overall efficacy of 94.1 percent. Rollout of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine began on Monday and if the FDA convened panel green lights Moderna's, its distribution could start as early as next week.

It comes as more than 300,000 people have died from the virus in the US, and cases continue to surge across much of the country. The FDA document offered the clearest look yet into the Moderna vaccine, which was co-developed with the National Institutes of Health. It showed the two-dose regimen protected younger people slightly better than it did older people.

In a clinical trial of 30,400 people, 196 fell ill with Covid-19 by November 21 — 11 in the vaccine group and 185 in the placebo group. Efficacy was 95.6 percent for people aged 18-65; 86.4 percent among those aged 65 and older; and 94.1 percent overall.

Importantly, of 30 cases of severe Covid-19, all occurred in the placebo group. The FDA also looked at detailed safety data, at a median of nine weeks after participants had received the second shot, which is taken 28 days after the first.

The most common side effects associated with the drug, called mRNA-1273, were injection site pain in roughly 90 percent of cases; fatigue in 70 percent, headache in 60 percent, muscle pain in 60 percent, joint pain in 45 percent and chills in 45 percent. Few of these effects were classed as "severe" and when they were that tended to occur more in the young than in the old. Lymphadenopathy, or swollen lymph nodes occurred in 1.1 percent of the vaccine group compared to 0.6 percent of the placebo group.



FACT OF THE MATTER

Mars mission on course



SPACE

China's first Mars exploration mission Tianwen-1 is currently more than 100 million km away from Earth and is functioning normally, the country's space agency said on Tuesday. As of Monday, the Mars probe had flown in space for 144 days and travelled more than 360 million km. It was more than 100 million km away from Earth and about 12 million km away from Mars, according to the China National Space Administration (CNSA). The Mars probe will likely be about 190 million km away from Earth when it reaches near Mars. It will conduct several orbital corrections and will likely decelerate to enter the Mars orbit in mid-February next year, Xinhua said.

Time to test 'flying' yacht



TECHNOLOGY

The cutting-edge "flying" yachts created for next year's America's Cup will be tested in race conditions for the first time when a series of warm-up events begins in Auckland on Thursday. The 23-metre (75-foot) yachts feature innovative foil arms, which lift the hull above the surface of the water into the air, reducing drag and increasing speed. In full flight, the yachts exceed 50 knots while the entire vessel is balanced precariously mid-air on carbon fibre foils. Team New Zealand skipper Glenn Ashby said he felt like an astronaut when sailing the boat, Te Rehutai. "It is a boat and it has to go through the water, but it's also a flying machine," he said.

World's largest telescope

SPACE

BELJING: Nestled among the mountains in southwest China, the world's largest radio telescope signals Beijing's ambitions as a global centre for scientific research.

The Five-hundred-metre Aperture Spherical Telescope (FAST) — the only significant instrument of its kind after the collapse of another telescope in Puerto Rico this month — is about to open its doors for foreign astronomers to use, hoping to attract the world's top scientific talent.

The world's second-largest radio telescope, at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico, was destroyed when its suspended 900-tonne receiver plunged 140-m onto the radio dish.

The Chinese installation in Pingtang, Guizhou province, is up to three times more sensitive than the US-owned one, and is surrounded by a five-kilometre "radio silence" zone where mobile phones and computers are not allowed. The 500-metre giant satellite dish is easily the world's largest.



Post hack, US agencies in rush to secure computer networks

TECHNOLOGY

WASHINGTON: The US government agencies and private companies rushed on Monday to secure their computer networks following the disclosure of a sophisticated and long-running cyber-espionage intrusion suspected of being carried out by Russian hackers.

The full extent of the damage is not yet clear. But the potential threat was significant enough that the Department of Homeland Security's cybersecurity unit directed all federal agencies to remove compromised network management

software and thousands of companies were expected to do the same.

What was striking about the operation was its potential scope as well as the manner in which the perpetrators managed to pierce cyber defenses and gain access to email and internal files at the Treasury and Commerce departments and potentially elsewhere.

The intrusion was stark evidence of the vulnerability of even supposedly secure government networks, even after well-known previous attacks.

"It's a reminder that offense is easier than defense and we

still have a lot of work to do," said Suzanne Spaulding, a former U.S. cybersecurity official who is now a senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The identity of the perpetrator remained unclear. A US official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of an ongoing investigation, said on Monday that Russian hackers are suspected.

The Washington Post, citing unnamed sources, said the attack was carried out by Russian government hackers who

go by the nicknames APT29 or Cozy Bear and are part of that nation's foreign intelligence service. The intrusion came to light after a prominent cybersecurity firm, FireEye, determined it had been breached and alerted that foreign governments and major corporations were also compromised.

The company did not say who it suspected, though many experts believed Russia was responsible given the level of skill involved. A FireEye senior vice president, Charles Carmakal said



the company was aware of "dozens of incredibly high-value targets that have been compromised" by the hackers and was "pro-actively helping a number of organizations respond to their intrusions."

US authorities acknowledged that federal agencies were affected by the breach on Sunday, providing few details. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, known as CISA, said in an unusual directive that the widely used network software SolarWinds had been compromised and should be removed from any system using it.



Shanvi Srivastava gives
New Year treat to fans

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DAY'S DIARY

Welcome to the Taj

The Taj Mahal Palace, established in Mumbai by Jamsetji Tata, opened its doors to guests on this day in 1903

MANY AN AVATAR

Over the years, the hotel has been the second home for kings and princes, a 600-bed hospital during World War I, and a participant in the Indian Freedom Movement



BACK TO LIFE

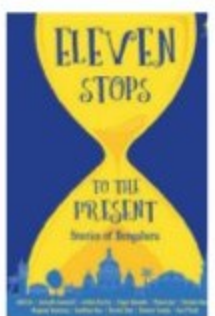
The hotel took 21 months to bounce back from the terror attack of 26/11. The palace wing of the hotel had to be restored in its entirety



PUBLIC SERVICE

Amidst the pandemic, the hotel — under the Indian Hotels Company Limited — made itself available to doctors and healthcare workers

Here's a chance for you to know more about the city's history with this new book by INTACH Bengaluru, which presents 11 historical fiction short stories penned by different writers



Children can get interested in the city through the stories of its neighbourhoods, like, for example, in which lane of Whitefield did Winston Churchill meet his girlfriend!



Anirudh Kanisetti

LOOKING BACK AND BEYOND

SIMRAN AHUJA

One of the best ways to get to know a place is to dive into the local lore. This was the idea behind The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) Bengaluru Chapter's new publication *Eleven Stops to the Present: Stories of Bengaluru*. The 11 short stories are based in Bengaluru and carry a dose of the city's flavour and history. Some of these stories take place as far back as 800 or 2,000 years ago, others during the bubonic plague of the 1890s and 1920s, and the most recent one is set in the 1980s. "We wanted to commission a book of good stories, where the city's history is a by-product. Children can get interested in the city through the stories of its neighbourhoods, like, for example, in which lane of Whitefield did Winston Churchill meet his girlfriend!" says INTACH Bengaluru convenor Meera Iyer.

The stories have been penned by Iyer, Aditi De, Anirudh Kanisetti, Edgar Demello, Menaka Raman, Shweta Taneja and Zac O'Yeah among others.

Each tale weaves a story around established events, facts or nuggets from the city's past. For example, researcher-writer Anirudh Kanisetti's piece, called *A Hero of Begur*, has a protagonist named Buttanatapati, who was the son of the chief of Begur's Bana family. The first documented use of 'Bengaluru' dates back to the ninth century, found on a hero stone in Begur. Buttanatapati is said to have died in the war of Bengaluru, so through this protagonist, Kanisetti paints a picture of a Bengaluru that was war-torn and brutal, diving into the culture of medieval noble families, and more. "We tend to not think beyond the Mauryas or Guptas when it comes to Indian history. But there was a lot going on in the Deccan that needs our attention," says Kanisetti.

Iyer's story takes place 1,800 years ago. "Roman coins have been found in Yeshwanthpur. Using this fact, I spin a story that involves different elements — traders who travel to the East coast to trade with Roman ships, a hero who has to succeed in a fight, and the bond between siblings," says Iyer. This new anthology is for children aged over 10. Aditi De, who is one of the 11 writers, says, "The book presents new ways of looking at the city. Every part of the city — its trees, footpath, etc. — has a story to tell. The book tries to voice these untold stories for the children to keep and carry on."

Agrees Kanisetti, who hopes children are able to understand how the past can be both different and familiar. "Our material conditions may have changed from medieval times, but the human condition — seeking approval from family, trying to chart one's own path in life — has stayed the same. This will always tie us to people who lived in a different place and time, and help us try to understand them as we understand ourselves," he says.

The book (₹280) is available at bookstores



2021 CALLING

Where to buy:
aliciasouza.com

Price: ₹599 onwards

By Alicia Souza



IN FULL BLOOM

Where to buy: thinkbucket.in

Price: ₹599 onwards

By Vidhi Khandelwal



GREEN TOUCH

Where to buy:
norliart.com

Price: ₹449

By Nori Norbhu

MARKING BETTER DAYS

The countdown for the new year has begun, and city-based illustrators aim to help people find hope in 2021 with their calendars and planners



SIMRAN AHUJA

WHAT better way to mark a new beginning than turning over a new page? There's hope in the air as the year of all years slowly crawls to an end. And city-based illustrators are helping people look forward to good days again with their range of planners and calendars for 2021. Made during the thick of the pandemic this year, each of these pieces has been inspired by lessons learned during a tough period or paint a picture of better days ahead.

Take, for instance, Nori Norbhu's annual calendar, inspired by a different theme each year. "This time, I used a lot of elements from nature be-

cause I hope it gives people a sense of calm, which is much-needed after the year we've all had," says the Bengaluru-based illustrator and visual designer, who hails from Darjeeling. The A5-sized table calendar also has short affirmations, like 'power up', 'let go', 'bloom and grow', etc, for each month. Some of the designs have been inspired from Norbhu's own lockdown experiences.

"The month of January has a bonfire and a cozy little house, which I made after a trip to a place just outside Bengaluru. It was my first time travelling after the lockdown," she says.

While planners have always been popular, Vidhi Khandelwal felt there would be a bigger need for them next year, given that most plans in 2020 fell through. This led the illustra-

tor to make some changes to the layout of the planners she designs. "We've gone through so much emotionally that I wanted the planners to provide that space for reflection. So before the monthly planning, there are pages dedicated to goals of all sorts — financial, health, personal and professional. Work from home blurred so much and everyone realised the need for balance and a more holistic lifestyle. There's also a part dedicated to new things one would like to try just to break the monotony that set in this year," says Khandelwal, who is also the founder of The Ink Bucket. Her website offers both dated and undated planners, along with calendars. While floral detailing (for something "calm and positive" to look at) is common with both, one calendar even comes with quirky illus-

trations of cats and dogs. "Working from home had many of us spending more time with our pets. My own parents adopted their first dog back home and he, in part, inspired this," says Khandelwal.

Both Norbhu and she worked on their designs during the pandemic. Alicia Souza, on the other hand, put pen to paper much before the pandemic began. "At that time, there were just talks of coronavirus and nothing had hit us yet. I picked celebrations as the theme," says the illustrator, whose website offers both calendars and planners. "The theme turned out to be quite fitting because 2020 has been trying in so many ways. Here's hoping that next year we can celebrate being happy, healthy and coming out stronger from this road bump."

Proving their 'METAL'

Progressive rock band 1Fret Away's new album comes 13 years after the group was formed, with themes that explore love, hate, freedom, unity and more

EXPRESS FEATURES

Thirteen years after being formed, 1Fret Away has finally released their debut album. The city-based band's album, *I'm Not A Metal Head*, comprises 10 songs split into two sides, of which side A is currently out. "Our music has been evolving along with the band's members. Since each member brings in his/her own flavour to the band, in the past we have seen a lot of change in the line up and that has in turn brought in the maturity to the songs that are out," says Vinay Balodi, who is in charge of drums and backing

vocals for the band. The lineup also includes Arwen M.A.G.M.A (lead vocals/guitar) and Simran Fathima (lead vocals).

Formed in 2007, 1Fret Away started with garage rock and punk before eventually evolving into the alternative and progressive rock band they are today. Their new album, the members believe, is a culmination of all the experiences the band has been through all these years. "By that, we mean it's the experiences of the individuals that make up the band. Our album comprises songs that were composed in the initial days of the band, which have evolved to what you can

hear today. It has a lot of artists who have featured in and made the album more attractive melodically," says Arwen.

The album is called *I'm Not A Metal Head*, which Fathima explains, is actually a rhetoric statement. "I might be influenced by pop but most of the band members have their roots in metal. The name is also a line of the verse of the *Metal Song* itself from the side A of the album," she says. While this part of the album has songs that the band has performed, side B might be slightly different. "Side B will have our individual influences colliding. We've been working on polish-

ing our release so as of now, all we can say is that it will be out early 2021," adds Fathima.

The album covers a range of themes like love, hate, freedom, unity, societal decadence, suffering, and breakthroughs. While the pandemic has been hard on every musician, it also came with some small silver linings. Balodi says, "It was a blessing in disguise for us. It is during the pandemic that we realised that we can work on our long awaited album. We were able to pull out time from our work and studies to invest in the album and finished five songs in four months. Which is huge!"

Vinay Balodi



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Simran Fathima, lead vocalist



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Arwen M.A.G.M.A, guitarist



Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com with the subject line 'Know Your City Quiz'

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

QUESTIONS

- Ever since its inception in 1963, the Ravindra Kalakshetra has been the cultural hub of Bengaluru. It was built to commemorate the birth centenary of a great poet, writer, philosopher and painter. Name the laureate.
- In the early 1960s, Bengaluru boasted of having 260-odd lakes within the city limits. It has been dwindled to less than 20 today. There was a huge lake in the Gandhi Bazaar area in Chamrajpet which was the lifeline of the region. Name the lake.
- RM Hadapad was a well-known artist and one of the most respected art teachers in Karnataka. The state government has honoured him with the Rajyotsava award and also the prestigious Varnashilpi Venkatappa award. Name the art school founded by him in Bengaluru.



RETRO POP

Go back to times when retro and pop lit up the dance floors! Playing the best of retro & pop this Friday, musician Rachna teams up with other artists, Joshua Paulmer, Avinash Gudd, Junias Demessa, who will accompany her.

When: Dec 18 **Where:** Easy Tiger St. Marks Rd. **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com



DONUTS, THE FESTIVE WAY

Imagine that cute Santa face or a lovely Christmas tree as donuts for your Christmas celebrations! Mad Over Donuts is here to delight you with such amazing gourmet donuts designed for Christmas! Available in Mumbai, Pune, Bengaluru, Delhi & Chennai till January 3. **For details, visit:** madoverdonuts.com; **Order at:** modelivory.com



SEASON FOR SUNFLOWER

Soulflower promises you'll be looking gorgeous for those under-the-mistletoe moments. Treat yourself and your loved ones to a pampering experience this Christmas along with Soulflower Secret Santa Beauty Christmas Gift Collection and Soulflower Lavender Christmas Set. **Available at:** sunflower.biz



LIVE MUSIC

Bengaluru-based jazz and classical fusion band Moonana will perform this weekend. Visitors can avail free parking at BLR Airport if they shop or dine at The Quad by BLR for ₹1,500 and above.

When: Dec 19, 7pm to 10pm
Where: The Quad by BLR (Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru)

MUSIC FESTIVAL 'Shakti - The Primordial Force' hosted by Charsur Arts Foundation **WHEN:** Till December 30 **FOR TICKETS, VISIT:** charsur.in.live



Brunch time

Bringing back the good times is this weekend brunch. It has an amalgamation of Indian, Western, and Asian Cuisines with live counters and portion control, all set up under the safety precautions of MHA guidelines. **Where:** JW Kitchen, Lobby Level, JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru **When:** Every Saturday and Sunday, 12:30-3:30pm

Ramen festival

Enjoy a bowl of hot ramen and choose from a menu that includes Katsu Ramen, Bukemen Ramen, Spicy Skillet Ramen or Kare Ramen. Prices start from ₹625++ **Where:** Soul City, Oakwood Premier Prestige **When:** Ongoing

Buffet in a Box

The Big Barbeque, which is primarily a buffet-only restaurant has launched 'Buffet in a Box' - where you can enjoy a limited buffet in the comfort of your home. Each box contains 6 starters, 4 main course gravy, 1 chaat, biryani, veg hakka noodles, lachha paratas, 3 types of desserts, 2 chutney and green salad.

When: Ongoing **Where:** The Big Barbeque **Price:** for veg buffet box is ₹649 and non veg buffet box is ₹749 **Call:** 8880807878



Straight from Santa

Green Sense Organics present Secret Santa Gifting Hampers. There are three different hampers that one can choose from - Luxury Redefined Hamper that starts at ₹1,800; Flavoured Finesse priced at ₹1,500 and Secret Ingredient Hamper that starts at ₹600. **To order, visit:** https://www.greensense.in/gifting/



Inspired by geometry

Anjali Bhimajika Fine Jewels has recently launched a limited edition collection of contemporary jewels inspired by structured shapes - Géométrie. The exquisite colour palette of rose gold adds a charming tinge to the collection. The contemporary designs are a refreshing take on geometry. **Available at:** ht tp://www.abfinejewels.com

Warm and cozy

This winter, stay warm in knitted sweaters, sweatshirts, hoodies and jackets that come with pop-culture themes like Friends, Avengers, Superman, Daisy Duck and Harry Potter. **Where:** thesoulstore.com/ **When:** Ongoing



Platinum pairs

Platinum Days of Love by Platinum Guild India has launched a new collection of exquisitely crafted Platinum Love Bands as a tribute to couples who have displayed values of strength, resilience, patience, and optimism through some really dark times. Starts from ₹40,000 onwards for a pair of platinum couple bands. **Available at:** www.platinumdaysoflove.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.



BESAN HALWA

INGREDIENTS

- Besan: 1 cup ■ Sugar: 3/4 cup ■ Ghee: 1/4 cup
- Water: 2 cups ■ Cashew nuts: 1/2 cup, finely chopped
- Cardamom powder: 1/2 tsp ■ Rosewater: 1/2 tsp

METHOD

- Heat ghee in a heavy-bottom pan.
 - Add besan and stir it till it changes colour.
 - Add sugar and let it caramelize.
 - Add water and keep stirring.
 - Add the nuts and cardamom powder.
 - Add rose water.
 - Serve hot.
- Reena Mehta, Hyderabad

FIT BIT

PRANA MUDRA (LIFE FORCE SEAL)

In Sanskrit, 'prana' means 'life force' and 'mudra' means 'gesture' or 'seal'. It is used during yoga and meditation practice as a means of channeling the flow of vital life force known as prana. It is specifically used to activate dormant energy within the subtle body, whilst balancing the elements of earth, water and fire within the physical body. It is a hasta mudra. It helps to clear energetic blockages. It activates the Muladhara (root) chakra, the point from which the three main energy channels of the body emerge; the Ida, Pingala and Sushumna nadis. Since these nadis encourage a free flow of prana throughout the body, it is a powerful gesture.

STEPS

- First, sit in any comfortable seating posture and place the hands (palm pointing upwards) on the thighs or the knees.
- Meditation postures like Padmasana, Siddhasana, Swastikasana, Vajrasana, etc., are ideal for the practice of mudras.
- Close your eyes and take some deep breaths with the awareness of the breathing process.
- Fold your small and ring finger and tap the tip of the small and ring finger to the tip of the thumb.
- The rest of the index and middle fingers should be kept extended as much as possible.
- Removing all thoughts from the mind, focus only on 'Om'.
- It should be practised with both hands simultaneously.
- Don't decrease or increase the speed of breath from your side.
- Perform this pose for 35 minutes at a stretch every day or for 10 to 12 minutes three times a day.
- You can practise this by standing in Tadasana, otherwise sitting on a chair.

BENEFITS

- Improves concentration and creates vibrations in the body.
- Makes a person bold with inner stability and clarity of thoughts.
- Fulfills the deficiency of Vitamin A, Vitamin B, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin E, and Vitamin K.
- It is a panacea in heart disease.
- Removes many eye problems and helps to increase the light of the eyes.
- Helps to overcome general debility, low endurance, chronic fatigue, anger, irritability, pride and restlessness.
- Women having severe pain during menstruation benefit from doing this.

LIMITATIONS

- If you suffer from hemorrhoids, cold or cough, avoid this.
- Avoid if you have issues with the back. Don't press the tips of your fingers very firmly.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



SOUND BOARD

99 % INVISIBLE

Design is everywhere in our lives, perhaps most importantly in the places where we've just stopped noticing. 99% Invisible is a weekly exploration of the process and power of design and architecture.

- On Spotify

HOW I BUILT THIS WITH GUY RAZ

Journalist Guy Raz dives into the stories behind some of the world's best-known companies. How I Built This weaves a narrative journey about innovators, entrepreneurs and idealists—and the movements they built.

- On Apple Podcasts

THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN

The Seen and the Unseen, hosted by writer Amit Varma, features long-form conversations that aim to give deep insights into the subjects being discussed. It promises some timeless and binge-worthy content.

- On Apple Podcasts

THE ANTHROPOCENE REVIEWED

The Anthropocene is the current geological age, in which human activity has profoundly shaped the planet and its biodiversity. On the podcast, author John Green (The Fault in Our Stars, Turtles All the Way Down) reviews different facets of the human-centred planet on a five-star scale.

- On Apple Podcasts

THE BIOLOGY OF SUPERHEROES

In this Science podcast, superheroes and science fiction meet the cutting edge of biological sciences. Hosted by two scientists, other scientists are brought in as guests to review superhero characters from movies or comic books based on the science behind what may have inspired every hero's power and abilities.

- On Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

PANDIYA NAADU

Shiva has a good job and lives with his family but it all changes when his brother is killed by a gangster. While the meek Shiva makes a plan to avenge his brother, his father too makes his own plan.

- Cast: Vishal, Lakshmi Menon, Vikranth, Bharathiraja

AYOGYA

Kaman is a corrupt police inspector who frequently bends the rules to suit his own needs. However, he realises his morals and tries to do the right thing after a life-changing event.

- Cast: Vishal, Rashi Khanna, Pooja Devarya, K S Ravikumar

AVAN IVAN

Saamy and Walter are notorious half-brothers, famous as criminals. Their lives take a sudden turn after they fall in love and must face the problems arising due to their involvement with gangsters.

- Cast: Vishal, Arya, Madhu Shalini, Janani Iyer

THEERADHA VILAIYATTU PILLAI

Karthik, a carefree management graduate, abstains from taking a job. One day, he and his close friends decide to conduct a straw poll by dating three women and then choosing the best one.

- Cast: Vishal, Sarah-Jane Dias, Neetu Chandra, Tanushree Dutta



Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS



1 HOW BIG IS INFINITY? BY DENNIS WILDFOGEL

Using the fundamentals of set theory, explore the mind-bending concept of the "infinity of infinities" — and how it led mathematicians to conclude that math itself contains unanswerable questions.



2 MYSTERIES OF VERNACULAR: ODD BY JESSICA ORECK AND RACHAEL TEEL

Whether we're talking all things unusual or mathematical, the origins of the word odd point to the Indo-European root uzdho. Jessica Oreck and Rachael Teel explain the evolution from the term for a triangle to a number indivisible by two and, eventually, to the peculiar.



3 HOW FOOD SHAPES OUR CITIES BY CAROLYN STEEL

Every day, in a city the size of London, 30 million meals are served. But where does all the food come from? Architect Carolyn Steel discusses the daily miracle of feeding a city, and shows how ancient food routes shaped the modern world.



4 HOW YOUR UNIQUE STORY CAN GET YOU HIRED BY AIMÉE EUBANKS DAVIS

When searching for a job, you may feel like you're not good enough or qualified enough to get it. But you are. Here's how to take your doubts and struggles and turn them into strengths, according to Aimée Eubanks Davis, founder and CEO of Braven.



5 HOW TO DECARBONIZE THE GRID AND ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING BY HAL HARVEY AND JOHN DOERR

In this conversation, two sustainability leaders Hal Harvey and John Doerr discuss why humanity has to act globally, at speed and at scale, to meet the staggering challenge of decarbonizing the global economy (which has only ever increased emissions throughout history) — and share helpful examples of promising energy solutions from around the world.

REGIONAL



LOVE MOCKTAIL (Kannada)

After rescuing a woman, Adhitha reminisces about his love life and tells her about all the heartbreaks he endured in his quest to find his true love.

Cast: Krishna Adithya, Milana Nagaraj, Amrutha Iyengar

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

STORIES BY RABINDRANATH TAGORE (Hindi, series)

An anthology of progressive stories penned by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore that showcases relationships between unlikely pairs of individuals.

Cast: Radhika Apte, Amrita Puri, Samridhi Dewan, Shreya Narayan

- Watch on: Netflix



SETHUM AAYIRAM PON (Tamil)

Meeting after many years, a makeup artist and her grandmother revisit tensions from an old family feud that still hangs heavy between them.

Cast: Niveditha Sathish, Avinash Raghuvean, Srilekha Rajendran

- Watch on: Amazon Prime



I WAS NOT READY DA (Tamil)

From his teenage love for white people and chatrooms and socialist strip club visits in the US, to shocking Sanskrit tutors and provoking news anchors in their own shows, SA Aravind narrates hilarious tales.

Cast: SA Aravind

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

ORAM PO (Tamil)

Chandru races his autorickshaw for sport while his friend Bigilu acts as his mechanic. However, tragedy strikes when he begins to date Bigilu's niece while simultaneously challenging a rival racer.

Cast: Arya, Pooja Umashankar, Jagan, John Vijay

- Watch on: Amazon Prime



LOVE 24X7 (Malayalam)

Roopesh, a media executive, falls in love with Kabani, a trainee who works her way up to become a news presenter. A set of unforeseen events changes their personal and professional lives.

Cast: Nikhila Vimal, Dileep, Suhasini Maniratnam, Sreenivasan

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar



FOREIGN

THE WILDS (English, series)

Teenage girls from radically different backgrounds find themselves stranded on a remote island, unaware they've just become the subjects of an elaborate social experiment.

Cast: Mia Healey, Helena Howard, Shannon Berry, Rachel Griffiths

- Watch on: Amazon Prime



NIGHTINGALE (English)

A dangerously unstable man (David Oyelowo) addresses the unseen followers of his video log about his obsession with an old Army buddy.

Cast: David Oyelowo, Heather Storm, Barlow Jacobs

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar



A CALL TO SPY (English)

At the dawn of World War II, a desperate Winston Churchill orders his new spy agency to train women for covert operations. Together, these female agents help undermine the Nazi regime in France, leaving an unmistakable legacy in their wake.

Cast: Stana Katic, Sarah Megan Thomas, Radhika Apte

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

PRIMAL FEAR (English)

Young altar boy Aaron Stampler's life changes when he is accused of murdering a priest. Things take a turn when a renowned lawyer, Martin Vail, decides to take up his case.

Cast: Edward Norton, Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Frances McDormand

- Watch on: Netflix



BOOK SHELF

Chinese Whiskers
Author: Pallavi Aiyar
Pages: 237

The book is set against the landscape of contemporary Beijing, seen through the eyes of two cats. Soyabean is a kitten when he is adopted by Mr and Mrs A, foreigners who live in a large courtyard house in Beijing. Soon after, the couple brings home Tofu, a rescued dustbin cat. Just as the cats are settling into their new, pampered lives, Soyabean is offered a job as a model for a new brand of cat food. Meanwhile, a mysterious viral epidemic sweeps across the city and rumour has it that cats are the source. Could it be true? The book is a modern fable set in the changing landscape of 21st century China, and told from a feline point of view, textured with the sights and sounds of the Hutong neighbourhoods of Beijing.

Terror in Islamabad
Author: Amar Bhushan
Pages: 171

Working undercover as cultural attache at the Indian Embassy in Pakistan, Veer Singh is on a top-secret mission – with his life and many others' at stake. As an agent of India's External Intelligence Agency in a foreign country, Veer navigates threats and evades suspicion...for a time. Soon, it becomes clear that counter-intelligence forces are out to get him, even through they have filed to find proof of his activities. The thriller is based on true events.

Principles of Prediction
Author: Anushka Jasraj
Pages: 185

Weather forecaster tries to maintain her sanity while a storm threatens, literally and figuratively. In 'Circus', a young woman runs away from her home and husband to live with Rajan, the lion-tamer, the perfect being, both man and woman. In 'Radio Story', politics and nostalgia come together to form a complex mesh of love and violence, while 'Elephant Maximus' stars the unforgettable Cassata in the role of cat-napper and elephant-kidnapper.

Duryodhan
Author: Kaka Vidhate
Pages: 577

In this novel, Kaka Vidhate reimagines the tale of the Mahabharata, turning away from the victors to listen to other points of view. He peels back layers upon layers to reveal unknown facets to Duryodhan. To some the Kaurava prince is an anti-hero, to others a hero no less than Arjun. In this telling, he is an enigmatic life force that shook and overwhelmed many a statesman and warrior. Krishna helped them, and the Pandavas won the war, a hollow victory. They lost as much as those they vanquished did. As the other side tells the story of the war – Duryodhan, Dhritarashtra, Gandhari, Dushasan, Shakuni and others who were thus far pushed to the margins of the epic – Vidhate tells a story of monstrous jealousy and devouring greed.

URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

Earlier this week, news reports suggested that the social media platform Facebook was going soft on a few fringe groups despite knowledge that the posts could cause disharmony among religious groups in India. The news barely shocked anyone, as Facebook has over the last few years become one of the most popular political platforms in India. But how did this happen? How did a clean, fresh website that promised to connect the world, turn into a hate-spewing elderly site?

A quick search on Google Trends informed me that the term 'social media' became popular in India in 2010. Incidentally, it's the same year that Orkut began its quick death in our country. If you were active on the Internet a decade ago, you'd vouch for the fact that the internet was a kinder place before the advent of social media.

POST SCRIPT

My early exposure to the internet was of a place where kind strangers talked to each other. When I was tense about my board exam mathematics results, I remember pouring out my fears to a middle-aged woman from the USA, and being comforted by her. Even Twitter was a place where people shared funny videos or clips of their dogs. And the history of Indian Internet is incomplete without a mention of the unsung hero of

Indian social media – Orkut.

Orkut as a platform believed in spreading joy and happiness. One could mark their profiles as '100% Friendly, 80% Sexy, 90% Cool'. As proof of our deep friendships, we wrote each other

TURNING PAGES

'WILL I GET CAUGHT?'

The incessant ringing of the doorbell forced Neil out of his sleep, but he found no one outside the door. In a semi-awake state he stepped on an envelope on the floor near the door. Inside was a message from the mafia.

5426 - go to the third stall from the left in the men's washroom in the lobby. You will get a call in the next ten minutes. Don't leave fingerprints on the phone. Turn it off after the call and drop it deep inside the trash bin.

Neil groaned about his unknown master's unnecessary penchant for drama. He reread the note and felt that the last two lines were unusual. The mafia had stopped instructing him about how to handle hazardous material after the first call, so why give these instructions again? What had changed?

Neil walked towards the

hotel lobby, relieved that Kanika had slept through it all. Those idiots had left a note when they knew he was being monitored. Were they planning something big that required a conversation?

He leaned against the wall to catch his breath, immobilized by terror.

God! Will I get caught?

Neil entered the washroom and rushed to the third stall, where he found the phone taped to the backside of the commode. He knelt to extricate the phone, using a handkerchief to avoid fingerprints.

The call came through immediately after he switched on the phone. He covered the phone with his hand and answered in a low voice. 'Hello.'

'Open the bowling with Manuel Cyclic and Baldev Madan in the next match,' the caller said in a muffled voice. 'Open the batting with Benjamin Roister.'

What? Open the bowling

with Manuel when he is injured and out of the next match? Something is off here.

Neil reeled as the caller spoke again. 'You there? Speak up...'

They only give instructions, never entertain a discussion. This is a setup – a trap.

Neil smiled, a little surprised by his presence of mind. 'Who the hell are you?' he snapped.

'I am the master of your destiny,' the caller snickered. 'Seems the photos were not enough. Next time bedroom videos; promise!'

'I don't fear your threats,' shouted Neil.

Sanket did this to frame me. Now I will show him.

Neil pocketed the handkerchief and smeared the phone with his fingerprints before switching it off. He

THE FIXER

rushed out and bumped into Sanket Singh by the washroom door. 'Oh! You are here?' Neil asked, startled. Sanket's presence so close to the crime scene reassured him he had made the right assessment. 'I am officially reporting to you that match-fixers have approached me. I have, of course, turned them down. Here is the phone they used to contact me, and the note the left outside my room' said Neil.

'Mr Neil... why you responded to this note?' asked Sanket, adjusting his glasses. Even after his plan had bombed, he looked in control of the situation. 'Why did you attend a phone call at 4 a.m. in a bathroom five floors below your room?'

Neil coughed to clear his throat. 'Mr Singh... please understand that I am not a policeman like you. I didn't know how to handle this. And since I have reported this incident myself, I have followed all the ICCL rules.' Sanket Singh mumbled a

few incoherent words and suddenly looked very uncomfortable.

'By the way, what are you doing here at this odd time?' asked Neil. 'Were you expecting this to happen?'

Neil leaned on the bathroom wall and grinned as Sanket Singh walked away, with no further courtesies.

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The Bhagavad Gita is perhaps the most systematic scriptural statement of the Perennial Philosophy," wrote Aldous Huxley in his Introduction to the translation of the Gita by Swami Prabhavananda and Christopher Isherwood. The perennial philosophy being a perspective in philosophy and spirituality that views all of the world's religious traditions as sharing a single, metaphysical truth or origin from which all esoteric and exoteric knowledge and doctrine has grown.

The Gita has inspired many people, from freedom fighters like Lala Lajpat Rai, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and Mahatma Gandhi to intellectuals/scientists like Swami Vivekananda, TS Eliot, Herman Hesse, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Albert Einstein and APJ Abdul Kalam. Some have even advocated for the Gita to be declared the national book of India!

Why does The Gita have a universal appeal?

The Bhagavad Gita (or Song of God), often referred to as the Gita, is a 700-verse Hindu scripture that is part of the epic Mahabharata (chapters 23-40 of Bhishma Parva). It has been translated into more than 75 languages worldwide, over 300 translations in English alone. The Gita is about a way of life – it teaches us better concentration, overcoming anger, self-

THE BHAGAVAD GITA
According to Gandhi

Bhagavad Gita and its timeless appeal

control, the art of right action, true happiness, devotion and so on. Here are the three English translations that I would recommend:

The first one I read (or rather, heard on audible) is by English professor, meditation teacher, Hinduism scholar and spiritual leader Eknath Eswaran. For its simplicity and readability, it is the most accurate version to start with.

The Bhagavad Gita According to Gandhi is based on talks given by Gandhi between February and November 1926 at the Satyagraha Ashram in Ahmedabad. I read this version, curious to know how Gandhi came to the idea of non-violence. I wondered how he reconciled the violence advocated in the Gita (where Krishna recommends that Arjuna fight his relatives in war; because it is his sacred duty) with his own non-violent position.

During the time that Gandhi translated the Gita from Sanskrit to his native Gujarati, he had withdrawn from mass po-

गीता रहस्य

litical activity. This holy book became Gandhi's most dependable spiritual guide and a constant companion through all the trials and tribulations of his life. He considered the Gita as the universal mother who turns away nobody; her door is wide open to anyone who knocks. As Gandhi famously said, "When doubts haunt me, when disappointments stare me in the face, and I see not one ray of hope on the horizon, I turn to Bhagavad Gita and find a verse to comfort me; and I immediately begin to smile in the midst of overwhelming sorrow."

And finally, the book I want to read is Lokmanya Tilak's magnum opus, *Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Rahasya*, popularly also known as *Gita Rahasya*. Written while serving his six-year prison term in Burma from 1908 to 1914, it must rank very high in the body of prison literature created anywhere in the world. The book is Tilak's heroic attempt to show that the Gita – and Indian spiritual tradition in general – was not a call for renunciation and inaction, but essentially a guide that preached Karma Yoga, a path to desireless action to achieve a lofty goal.

Having read numerous books on leadership, I can with conviction say that if you can internalise the Gita, you don't need to read any other leadership book ever in your life. And as Gandhi said, "Those who meditate on the Gita will derive fresh joy and new meanings from it every day." Don't postpone it, read it now.

(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)

NUGGETS

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize announces winners for 2020

The jury of the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2020 announced two winners – Amit Ahuja, for *Mobilizing the Marginalized: Ethnic Parties without Ethnic Movements*, and Jai Ram Ramesh for *A Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of V.K. Krishna Menon*. The two winners were selected from a diverse shortlist of six books covering a century of modern Indian history and encompassing several genres. The Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay Book Prize recognises and celebrates excellence in non-fiction writings on modern/contemporary India by writers from all nationalities. The winners were selected by a six-member jury panel, including political scientist and author Niraja Gopal Jayal (Jury Chair), historian and author Ramachandra Guha; entrepreneur Nandan Nilekani; historian Srinath Raghavan; among others. The 2020 winners will share the prize money of ₹15 lakh for their respective books and will each receive the Book Prize trophy.

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Director Kiranraj and the team are back in the city after shooting the first part of the schedule; they will be heading to the Valley in January first week



Rakshit Shetty to begin New Year in Kashmir with 777 Charlie climax shoot

A SHARADHAA

Rakshit Shetty will begin 2021 amid snowcapped peaks, as he will be in Kashmir at that time to shoot the climax sequence for *777 Charlie*. The film, directed by Kiranraj, is in the last phase of shooting now. The team had planned a 14-day schedule in Kashmir, Chandigarh and

Himachal Pradesh, and had divided the schedule into two parts. They have completed the first part of the shoot, and director Kiranraj says it was a great experience. The crew is back in the city now, and is getting ready for the final schedule. The director is particular that the climax sequences should be shot during heavy snowfall. He has now decided to go back to

Kashmir in the first week of January. *777 Charlie* is presented by Pushkar Films and produced by GS Gupta and Rakshit Shetty under the banner, Paramvah Studios. The adventure comedy-drama has been creating a buzz since it went on floors. It is one of the most awaited flicks in 2021. The film will be out in five languages. It is being made in Kannada, and will be dubbed

and released in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi. It has Nobin Paul composing the music and Aravind Kashyap handling the camera work. The film, which also made news for featuring a couple of Labrador dogs, marks the acting debut of Bobby Simha, who is playing a pivotal role along with Sangeetha Sringeri, Raj B Shetty, and Danish Sait forming the rest of the cast.

Pruthvi Ambaar turns singer for *Life is Beautiful*

The actor renders his voice for an inspirational track, penned by Madan Bellisalu and composed by Nobin Paul

CE FEATURES

PRUTHVI Ambaar is now making his singing debut in his upcoming film, *Life is Beautiful*. Penned by Madan Bellisalu, the "inspirational" song is composed by Nobin Paul.

Pruthvi, who credits Michael Jackson as his influence, reveals he is not a trained singer. However, the actor is an adept social singer, and has even sung for a Tulu music album.

According to the team, Pruthvi would often be seen singing the tune of this song with his own words, and they decided to make the ac-

tor sing the number. "Like how an actor takes several shots to perfect a scene, I did take several attempts and for over three hours to record the song. I had even requested the team to drop it if my voice and singing was not up to the mark. But the team loved it," said Pruthvi.

The film features Priyanka Upendra in an important role as Caroline along with Lasya Nagaraj in the lead cast.

Directed by Arunkumar M and Sabu Aloysius, *Life is Beautiful* will be bankrolled by filmmaker Lohith H's Friday Films and Kishore Narasimhaiah's in association with Silver Train International banner.



Pruthvi Ambaar along with the team of *Life is Beautiful*

Patty Jenkins is an actor's director: Chris Pine

CE FEATURES

One of the most awaited releases of the year, *Wonder Woman 1984* is hitting the Indian theatres on December 24. And Chris Pine, who returns as Steve Trevor in the sequel, says that he was thrilled to work again with director Patty Jenkins and actor Gal Gadot. "Patty knew exactly how she wanted Steve to come back, and she's such an incredible storyteller, pictorially, cinematically, and in person. I was immediately excited by the prospect of being back in a world she would create again and, of course, working side by side with Gal. Patty and Gal are a really awesome duo."

In the films, Steve proves to be Diana's human connection and someone who is always in her corner. "Some actors like to come with a fully realised character, and others, like me, prefer to share that responsibility and really collaborate with their director. And she (Jenkins) loves doing that." He calls Jenkins a true actor's director. "That's what I love most about Patty. And she can do it all. She can be talking lighting with Matt [Jensen] and colors with Lindy [Hemming], and then, on the spot, talk about an acting beat with us in the most specific way, and that I love. That is an art, and it is incredibly exhausting and energy consuming, but Patty just seems to be indefatigable."

Wonder Woman 1984 will be released in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu across India. Apart from Gadot and Pine, the film also stars Kristen Wiig as the Cheetah, Pedro Pascal as Max Lord, Robin Wright as Antiope and Connie Nielsen as Hippolyta.



The yet-to-be-titled project marks Pawan's second web series, he earlier directed selected episodes of Netflix's *Leila*



Pawan Kumar and Amala Paul join hands for a web series

CE FEATURES

PAWAN Kumar of *U-turn* and *Lucia* fame has joined hands with Amala Paul for a web series made in Telugu. The 8-episode project, which went on floors this month is currently being shot in Hyderabad and it is planned to be wrapped in January.

The sci-fi thriller, also starring Rahul Vijay in the lead, is being made for the Telugu OTT platform Aha. It has also been revealed that Pawan will also be play-

ing an important role in it.

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Apart from this project, Amala has *Adho Andha Paravai Pola*, *Cadaver* in Tamil, *Aadu Jeevitham* in Malayalam and the Telugu version of *Lust Stories* in her kitty. Meanwhile Pawan Kumar, who has also made his mark as an actor is waiting to resume shoot for Yogaraj Bhat's *Gaalipata*, which resumes early next year.



Amala Paul and Pawan Kumar

SHILAJIT MITRA

A couple of months into the lockdown, Aparna Purohit, head of India originals at Amazon Prime Video, decided to create an anthology capturing our current moment. She contacted several distinguished filmmakers and commissioned five short films. The connecting theme, she told them, would be 'new beginnings'.

The directors responded with as diverse a set of ideas as you'd expect from a project like this. *Glitch* (by Raj & DK) is about a hypochondriac man whose date may or may not have given him the virus. In *Apartment* (by Nikkhil Advani), a woman reels from the sexual harassment allegations made against her husband. *Rat - A - Tat* (by Tannishtha Chatterjee) tells a story of rodent infestation and neighbourly bonding. *Vishaanu* (by

Avinash Arun) follows a homeless migrant family as they sneak into a luxurious apartment. And in *Chaand Mubarak* (by Nitya Mehra), two strangers come together after a fateful rickshaw ride.

The above films have now been stitched together as *Unpaused*, premiering on Prime Video on December 18. Structurally, it's similar to other lockdown movies and TV shows made this year, although much of the shooting happened after the shutdown was lifted and productions resumed. There's also a palpable insistence on hope—and a general sweetness underlining the stories.

"I'm glad that the focus of *Unpaused* is on new friendship," says Ratna Pathak Shah, the lead of *Chaand Mubarak*. "It's true that the difficulties of the pandemic have not yet passed. We are still dealing with various levels of unemployment. It



A dash of hope

doesn't look easy even in the next year. But at the moment, I did want to hear a story that made us feel good."

In the film, Ratna's character, a single upper-class woman, takes the help of a young rickshaw driver to run errands around the city. As the day progresses, they are forced to broaden their worldviews and understand each other closely.

"When I came to Mumbai from Delhi, I felt this immense safety to be able to walk into a rickshaw and go anywhere," shares director Nitya Mehra on the idea behind her short. "I initially thought of shooting in a bus or taxi but we've seen them in other Hindi movies. I don't think I've ever seen a rickshaw portrayed in this way."

Riding around in the rain,

with rigs and cameras attached, was admittedly tough for Sharad Bhardwaj, who plays the rickshaw driver. "I'd be exhausted after each day of shoot... However, there was a wonderful energy on set that kept us going," says Sharad, who delivered an equally physical performance in *Eeb Allay Ooo!* (2019).

"It was less weird for actors because we didn't have to wear masks," says Gulshan Devaiah, who plays the fussy hypochondriac in *Glitch*. "Once we got over the discomfort of the restrictions, it was like any other shoot." His co-star Saiyami Kher adds, "It doesn't really matter what the circumstances (of a production) are. At the end of the day, the audience judges you by the performance on screen."

With the topic of 'blind dates', directors Raj & DK wanted to explore how romantic relationships have changed since the

pandemic. "Just back in February, we were all hanging out in pubs and meeting people," the duo explains. "Suddenly, all forms of human contact were rendered suspicious, including a simple handshake. The implications of this go beyond dating and affect all relationships."

Going by the trailer, one of the most resonant stories in the film is *Vishaanu*, about a young migrant couple who are evicted from their home. Unable to leave the city they take refuge in a posh flat in an under-construction building. Actors Abhishek Banerjee and Geetika Vidya Ohlyan sharply remember the real-life tragedy playing out in the country.

"I was quite appalled by the migrant situation," Abhishek recalls. "While some of us were comfortable under our roofs, and had food to eat, lakhs and lakhs of people were left to suffer. It made me realise how fortunate I am."

Shanvi Srivastava gives New Year treat to fans with *Kasturi Mahal* teaser

CE FEATURES

SHANVI Srivastava is ready with a New Year gift for her fans — a teaser from *Kasturi Mahal*, which will be out at midnight as the world enters 2021. Director Dinesh Baboo, who has completed the shooting for the thriller, is now working on the teaser, and it will be unveiled on Jan. 1 00.01 am. The film is produced by Ravish RC and Ruben Ra. It went on floors during Dasara, and has been shot in the picturesque locations of Chikmagalur. The team completed the shoot in one schedule. *Kasturi Mahal* will be the Amrutha Varshini director's 50th outing. He has come up with a paranormal thriller based on a personal experience. The film also features Shruti Prakash, Skanda and senior actor Rangayana Raghu in prominent roles. It has music composed by Gumineni Vijay and cinematography by PKH Dass.

